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THE
Tragœdy of Othello,
The Moore of Venice.

As it hath beene diuerſe times acted at the Globe, and at the Black-Friers, by *his Maieſties Seruants.*

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TO set forth a booke without an Epiſtle, were like to the old Engliſh prouerbe, A blew coat without a badge, *& the Author being dead, I thought good to take that piece of worke vpon mee: To commend it, I will not, for that which is good, I hope euery man will commend, without intreaty: and I am the bolder, becauſe the Authors name is ſufficient to vent his worke. Thus leauing euery one to the liberty of iudgement: I haue ventered to print this Play, and leaue it to the generall cenſure.*

Yours,

Thomas VValkley.

The Tragedy of Othello *the Moore of* Venice.

Enter *Iago* and *Roderigo*.

Roderigo.

TVſh, neuer tell me, I take it much vnkindly
That you *Iago*, who has had my purſe,
As if the ſtrings were thine, ſhould'ſt know of this.
Iag. S'blood, but you will not heare me,
If euer I did dreame of ſuch a matter, abhorre me.
Rod. Thou toldſt me, thou didſt hold him in thy hate.
Iag. Deſpiſe me if I doe not: three great ones of the Citty
In perſonall ſuite to make me his Leiutenant,
Oft capt to him, and by the faith of man,
I know my price, I am worth no worſe a place.
But he, as louing his owne pride and purpoſes,
Euades them, with a bumbaſt circumſtance,
Horribly ſtuft with Epithites of warre:
And in concluſion,
Non-ſuits my mediators: for certes, ſayes he,
I haue already choſen my officer, and what was he?
Forſooth, a great Arithmetition,
One *Michael Caſſio*, a Florentine,
A fellow almoſt damnd in a faire wife,
That neuer ſet a ſquadron in the field,
Nor the deuiſion of a Battell knowes,

More then a Spinster, vnlesse the bookish Theorique,
Wherein the toged Consuls can propose
As masterly as he: meere prattle without practise,
Is all his souldier-shippe: but he sir had the election,
And I, of whom his eyes had seene the proose,
At *Rhodes*, at *Cipres*, and on other grounds,
Christian and Heathen, must be led, and calm'd,
By Debitor and Creditor, this Counter-caster:
He in good time, must his Leiutenant be,
And I, God blesse the marke, his Worships Ancient.
Rod. By heauen I rather would haue bin his hangman.
Ia. But there's no remedy,
Tis the curse of seruice,
Preferment goes by letter and affection,
Not by the olde gradation, where each second
Stood heire to the first:
Now sir be iudge your selfe,
Whether I, in any iust tearme am assign'd
to loue the Moore.
Rod. I would not follow him then.
Ia. O sir, content you,
I follow him to serue my turne vpon him,
We cannot be all masters, nor all masters
Cannot be truely followed, you shall marke
Many a dutious and knee-crooking knaue,
That doting on his owne obsequious bondage,
Weares out his time much like his masters Asse,
For nought but prouender, and when hee's old cashiered,
Whip me such honest knaues:
Others there are, who trimd in formes,
And visages of duty, keepe yet their hearts,
Attending on themselues, and throwing
But shewes of seruice on their Lords,
Doe well thriue by 'em,
And when they haue lin'd their coates,
Doe themselues homage,
Those fellowes haue some soule,

And such a one doe I professe my selfe, ---- for sir,
It is as sure as you are *Roderigo*,
Were I the Moore, I would not be *Iago*:
In following him, I follow but my selfe.
Heauen is my iudge, not I,
For loue and duty, but seeming so,
For my peculiar end.
For when my outward action does demonstrate
The native act, and figure of my heart,
In complement externe. tis not long after,
But I will weare my heart vpon my sleeue,
For Doues to pecke at,
I am not what I am.
Rod. What a full fortune does the thicklips owe,
If he can carry't thus?
Ia. Call vp her father,
Rowse him, make after him, poyson his delight,
Proclaime him in the streete, incense her Kinsmen,
And tho he in a fertile climate dwell,
Plague him with flyes: tho that his ioy be ioy,
Yet throw such changes of vexation our,
As it may loose some colour.
Rod Here is her fathers house, Ile call aloud.
Ia. Doe with like timerous accent, and dire yell,
As when by night and negligence, the fire
Is spied in populous Cities.
Rod. What ho, *Brabantio*, Seignior *Brabantio*, ho,
Ia. Awake, what ho, *Brabantio*,
Theeues, theeues, theeues:
Looke to your house, you Daughter, and your bags,
Theeues, theeues.

Brabantio *at a window.*

Brab. What is the reason of this terrible summons?
What is the matter there?
Rod. Seignior, is all your family within?
Ia. Are all doore lockts?

Brab. Why, wherefore aske you this?

Iag. Zounds sir you are robd, for shame put on your gowne,
Your heart is burst, you haue lost halfe your soule;
Euen now, very now, an old black Ram
Is tupping your white Ewe; arise, arise,
Awake the snorting Citizens with the Bell,
Or else the Diuell will make a Grandsire of you, arise I say.

Brab. What, haue you lost your wits?

Rod. Most reuerend Seignior, doe you know my voyce?

Bra. Not I, what are you?

Rod. My name is *Roderigo.*

Bra. The worse welcome,
I haue charg'd thee, not to haunt about my dores,
In honest plainenesse, thou hast heard me say
My daughter is not for thee, and now in madnes,
Being full of supper, and distempering draughts,
Vpon malicious brauery, dost thou come
To start my quiet?

Rod. Sir, sir, sir.

Bra. But thou must needes be sure
My spirit and my place haue in them power,
To make this bitter to thee.

Rod. Patience good sir.

Bra. What, tell'st thou me of robbing? this is *Venice*,
My house is not a graunge.

Rod. Most graue *Brabantio*,
In simple and pure soule I come to you.

Iag. Zouns Sir, you are one of those, that will not serue God, if the Deuill bid you. Because we come to doe you seruice, you thinke we are Ruffians, youle haue your daughter couered with a Barbary horse; youle haue your Nephewes ney to you; youle haue Coursers for Cousens, and Iennits for *Iermans.*

Bra. What prophane wretch art thou?

Iag. I am one sir, that come to tell you, your daughter, and the Moore, are now making the Beast with two backs.

Bra. Thou art a villaine.

Iag. You are a Senator.

Bra. This thou shalt answer, I know thee *Roderigo.*

Rod. Sir, I will answer any thing: But I beseech you,
If she be in her chamber, or your house,
Let loose on me the Iustice of the state,
For this delusion.

Bra. Strike on the tinder, Ho:
Giue me a taper, call vp all my people:
This accident is not vnlike my dreame,
Beleefe of it oppresses me already:
Light I say, light.

Iag. Farewell, for I must leaue you,
It seemes not meete, nor wholesome to my pate,
To be produc'd, as if I stay I shall
Against the Moore, for I doe know the state,
How euer this may gaule him with some checke,
Cannot with safety cast him, for hee's imbark'd,
With such loud reason, to the Cipres warres,
Which euen now stands in act, that for their soules,
Another of his fathome, they haue not
To leade their businesse, in which regard,
Tho I doe hate him, as I doe hells paines,
Yet for necessity of present life,
I must shew out a flag, and signe of loue,
Which is indeed but signe, that you shall surely
Finde him: lead to the Sagittar, the raised search,
And there will I be with him. So farewell.

Exit.

Enter Barbantio *in his night gowne, and seruants with Torches.*

Bra. It is too true an euill, gone she is,
And what's to come, of my despised time,
Is nought but bitternesse now *Roderigo*,
Where didst thou see her; O vnhappy girle,
With the Moore saist thou? who would be a father?
How didst thou know twas she? O thou deceiuest me
Past thought: what said she to you? get more tapers,

Raiſe all my kindred, are they married thinke you?
Rod. Truely I thinke they are.
Bra. O heauen, how got ſhe out? O treaſon of the blood,
Fathers from hence, truſt not your Daughters mindes,
By what you ſee them act, is there not charmes,
By which the property of youth and manhood
May be abus'd? haue you not read *Roderigo*,
Of ſome ſuch thing.
Rod. I haue ſir.
Bra. Call vp my brother: O that you had had her,
Some one way, ſome another; doe yon know
Where we may apprehend her, and the Moore?
Rod. I thinke I can diſcouer him, if you pleaſe
To get good guard, and goe along with me.
Bra. Pray leade me on, at euery houſe Ile call;
I may command at moſt: get weapons ho,
And raiſe ſome ſpeciall Officers of night:
On good *Roderigo*, Ile deſerue your paynes. *Exeunt.*

Enter Othello, Iago, *and attendants with Torches.*

Ia. Tho in the trade of warre, I haue ſlaine men,
Yet doe I hold it very ſtuft of Conſcience.
To doe no contriu'd murther; I lacke iniquity
Sometimes to doe me ſeruice: nine or ten times,
I had thought to haue ierk'd him here,
Vnder the ribbes.
Oth. Tis better as it is.
Iag. Nay, but he prated,
And ſpoke ſuch ſcuruy, and prouoking tearmes
Againſt your Honor, that with the little godlineſſe I haue,
I did full hard forbeare him: but I pray ſir,
Are you faſt married? For be ſure of this,
That the Magnifico is much beloued,
And hath in his effect, a voyce potentiall,
As double as the Dukes, he will diuorce you,
Or put vpon you what reſtraint, and greeuance,
That law with all his might to inforce it on,

Weele

Weele giue him cable,
Oth. Let him doe his ſpite,
My ſeruices which I haue done the Seigniorie,
Shall out tongue his complaints, tis yet to know,
That boaſting is an honour,
I ſhall prouulgate, I fetch my life and being,
From men of royall height, and my demerrits,
May ſpeake vnbonnited to as proud a fortune
As this that I haue reach'd; for know *Iago*,
But that Ioue the gentle *Deſdemona*,
I would not, my vnhouſed free condition,
Put into circumſcription and confine
For the ſeas worth. *Enter* Caſſio *with lights, Officers,*
But looke what lights come yonder. *and torches.*
Ia. Theſe are the raiſed Father and his friends,
You were beſt goe in:
Oth. Not I, I muſt be found,
My parts, my Title, and my perfect ſoule,
Shall manifeſt me rightly: it is they.
Ia. By *Ianus* I thinke no.
Oth. The ſeruants of the Duke, and my Leiutenant,
The goodneſſe of the night vpon your friends,
What is the newes.
Caſ. The Duke does greete you Generall,
And he requires your haſt, poſt haſt appearance,
Euen on the inſtant.
Oth. What's the matter thinke you?
Caſ. Something from *Cipres*, as I may diuine,
It is a buſineſſe of ſome heate, the Galleyes
Haue ſent a dozen frequent meſſengers
This very night, at one anothers heeles:
And many of the Conſuls rais'd, and met,
Are at the Dukes already; you haue bin hotly cald for,
When being not at your lodging to be found,
The Senate ſent aboue three ſeuerall queſts
To ſearch you out.
Oth. Tis well I am found by you,

Ile ſpend a word here in the houſe, and goe with you.
Caſ. Auncient, what makes he here?
Ia. Faith he to night, hath boorded a land Carrick:
If it proue lawfull prize, hee's made for euer.
Caſ. I doe not vnderſtand.
Ia. Hee's married,
Caſ. To who?

Enters Brabantio, Roderigo, *and others with lights and weapons.*

Ia. Marry to. ---- Come Captaine, will you goe?
Oth. Ha, with who?
Caſ. Here comes another troupe to ſeeke for you.
Ia. It is *Brabantio*, Generall be aduiſde,
He comes to bad intent.
Oth. Holla, ſtand there.
Rod. Seignior, it is the Moore.
Bra. Downe with him theife.
Ia. You *Roderigo*, Come ſir, I am for you.
Oth. Keepe vp your bright ſwords, for the dew will ruſt em,
Good Seignior you ſhall more command with yeares
Then with your weapons.
Bra. O thou foule theefe, where haſt thou ſtowed my daughter?
Dambd as thou art, thou haſt inchanted her,
For ile referre me to all thing of ſenſe,
Whether a maide ſo tender, faire, and happy,
So oppoſite to marriage, that ſhe ſhund
The wealthy curled darlings of our Nation,
Would euer haue (to incurre a generall mocke)
Runne from her gardage to the ſooty boſome
Of ſuch a thing as thou? to feare, not to delight,
Such an abuſer of the world, a practiſer
Of Arts inhibited, and out of warrant?
Lay hold vpon him, if he doe reſiſt,
Subdue him at his perill.
Oth. Hold your hands:
Both you of my inclining and the reſt,

Were it my Qu. to fight, I ſhould haue knowne it,
Without a prompter, where will you that I goe,
And anſwer this your charge?
Bra. To priſon till fit time
Of Law, and courſe of direct Seſſion,
Call thee to anſwer.
Oth. What if I doe obey,
How may the Duke be therewith ſatisfied,
Whoſe Meſſengers are heere about my ſide,
Vpon ſome preſent buſineſſe of the State,
To beare me to him.
Officer. Tis true moſt worthy Seignior,
The Duke's in Councell, and your noble ſelfe,
I am ſure is ſent for.
Bra. How? the Duke in Councell?
In this time of the night? bring him away,
Mine's not an idle cauſe, the Duke himſelfe,
Or any of my Brothers of the State,
Cannot but feele this wrong, as twere their owne.
For if ſuch actions, may haue paſſage free,
Bondſlaues, and Pagans, ſhal our Stateſmen be. *Exeunt.*

Enter Duke and Senators, ſet at a Table with lights and Attendants.

Duke. There is no Compoſition in theſe newes,
That giues them credit.
1 *Sena.* Indeede they are diſproportioned,
My letters ſay, a hundred and ſeuen Gallies.
Du. And mine a hundred and forty.
2 *Sena.* And mine two hundred:
But though they iumpe not on a iuſt account,
As in theſe caſes, where they aym'd reports,
Tis oft with difference, yet doe they all confirme
A *Turkiſh* fleete, and bearing vp to *Cipreſſe*.
Du. Nay, it is poſſible enough to iudgement:
I doe not ſo ſecure me to the error,
But the mayne Articles I doe approue

In fearefull ſenſe. *Enter a Meſſenger.*

One within. What ho, what ho, what ho?

Sailor. A meſſenger from the Galley.

Du. Now, the buſineſſe?

Sailor. The *Turkiſh* preparation makes for *Rhodes*,
So was I bid report here, to the ſtate.

Du. How ſay you by this change?

1 *Sena.* This cannot be by no aſſay of reaſon---
'Tis a Pageant,
To keepe vs in falſe gaze: when we conſider
The importancy of *Cypreſſe* to the *Turke*:
And let our ſelues againe, but vnderſtand,
That as it more concernes the *Turke* then *Rhodes*,
So may he with more facile queſtion beare it.

Du. And in all confidence, hee's not for *Rhodes*.

Officer. Here is more newes. *Enter a 2. Meſſenger.*

Meſ. The *Ottamites*, reuerend and gracious,
Steering with due courſe, toward the Iſle of *Rhodes*,
Haue there injoynted with an after fleete
Of 30. ſaile, and now they doe reſterine
Their backward courſe, bearing with franke appearance.
Their purpoſes towards *Cypreſſe*: Seignior *Montano*,
Your truſty and moſt valiant ſeruitor,
With his free duty recommends you thus,
And prayes you to beleeue him.

Du. 'Tis certaine then for *Cypreſſe*,
Marcus Luccicos is not here in Towne.

1 *Sena.* Hee's now in *Florence*.

Du. Write from vs, wish him poſt, poſt haſt diſpatch.

Enter Brabantio, Othello, Roderigo, Iago, Caſſio, Deſdemona, and Officers.

1 *Sena.* Here comes *Brabantio* and the valiant *Moore*.

Du. Valiant *Othello*, we muſt ſtraite imploy you,
Againſt the generall enemy *Ottoman*;
I did not ſee you, welcome gentle Seignior,
We lacke your counſell, and your helpe to night,

Bra. So did I yours, good your Grace pardon me,
Neither my place, nor ought I heard of buſineſſe
Hath rais'd me from my bed, nor doth the generall care
Take any hold of me, for my particular griefes,
Is of ſo floodgate and orebearing nature,
That it engluts and ſwallowes other ſorrowes,
And it is ſtill it ſelfe.

Du. Why, what's the matter?

Bra. My daughter, O my daughter.

All. Dead?

Bra. I to me:
She is abus'd, ſtolne from me and corrupted,
By ſpels and medicines, bought of mountebancks,
For nature ſo prepoſterouſly to erre,
Saunce witchcraft could not.

Du. Who ere he be, that in this foule proceeding
Hath thus beguild your daughter of her ſelfe,
And you of her, the bloody booke of Law,
You ſhall your ſelfe, read in the bitter letter,
After its owne ſenſe, tho our proper ſonne
Stood in your action.

Bra. Humbly I thanke your Grace;
Here is the man, this Moore, whom now it ſeemes
Your ſpeciall mandate, for the State affaires
Hath hither brought.

All. We are very ſorry for't.

Du. What in your owne part can you ſay to this?

Bra. Nothing, but this is ſo.

Oth. Moſt potent, graue, and reuerend Seigniors,
My very noble and approoued good maiſters:
That I haue tane away this old mans daughter,
It is moſt true: true, I haue married her,
The very head and front of my offending,
Hath this extent no more. Rude am I in my ſpeech,
And little bleſt with the ſet phraſe of peace,
For ſince theſe armes of mine had ſeuen yeares pith,
Till now ſome nine Moones waſted, they haue vs'd

Their deareſt action in the tented field,
And little of this great world can I ſpeake,
More then pertaines to feate of broyle, and battaile,
And therefore little ſhall I grace my cauſe,
In ſpeaking for my ſelfe; yet by your gracious patience,
I will a round vnuarniſh'd tale deliuer,
Of my whole courſe of loue, what drugs, what charmes,
What coniuration, and what mighty Magicke,
(For ſuch proceedings am I charg'd withall:)
I wonne his daughter.

Bra. A maiden neuer bold of ſpirit,
So ſtill and quiet, that her motion
Bluſht at her ſelfe: and ſhe in ſpite of nature,
Of yeares, of Country, credit, euery thing,
To fall in loue with what ſhe fear'd to looke on?
It is a iudgement maimd, and moſt imperfect,
That will confeſſe perfection, ſo would erre
Againſt all rules of Nature, and muſt be driuen,
To finde out practiſes of cunning hell,
Why this ſhould be, I therefore vouch againe,
That with ſome mixtures powerfull ore the blood,
Or with ſome dram coniur'd to this effect,
He wrought vpon her.

Du. To youth this is no proofe,
Without more certaine and more ouert teſt,
Theſe are thin habits, and poore likelihoods,
Of moderne ſeemings, you preferre againſt him.

1 *Sena.* But *Othello* ſpeake,
Did you by indirect and forced courſes,
Subdue and poiſon this young maides affections?
Or came it by requeſt, and ſuch faire queſtion,
As ſoule to ſoule affoordeth?

Oth. I doe beſeech you,
Send for the Lady to the Sagittar,
And let her ſpeake of me before her father;
If you doe finde me foule in her report,
Not onely take away, but let your ſentence

Euen fall vpon my life.

Du. Fetch *Deſdemona* hither. *Exit two or three.*

Oth. Ancient conduct them, you beſt know the place;
And till ſhe come, as faithfull as to heauen,
So iuſtly to your graue eares I'le preſent,
How I did thriue in this faire Ladyes loue,
And ſhe in mine.

Du. Say it *Othello.*

Oth. Her Father loued me, oft inuited me,
Still queſtioned me the ſtory of my life,
From yeare to yeare; the battailes, ſeiges, fortunes
That I haue paſt:
I ran it through, euen from my boyiſh dayes,
Toth' very moment that he bade me tell it.
Wherein I ſpake of moſt diſaſtrous chances,
Of mooning accident of flood and field;
Of heire-breadth ſcapes ith imminent deadly breach;
Of being taken by the inſolent foe:
And ſold to ſlauery, and my redemption thence,
And with it all my trauells Hiſtorie;
Wherein of Antrees vaſt, and Deſerts idle,
Rough quarries, rocks and hils, whoſe heads touch heauen,
It was my hent to ſpeake, ſuch was the proceſſe:
And of the *Cannibals*, that each other eate;
The *Anthropophagie*, and men whoſe heads
Doe grow beneath their ſhoulders: this to heare,
Would *Deſdemona* ſeriouſly incline;
But ſtill the houſe affaires would draw her thence,
And euer as ſhe could with haſt diſpatch,
Shee'd come againe, and with a greedy eare
Deuoure vp my diſcourſe; which I obſeruing,
Tooke once a plyant houre, and found good meanes
To draw from her a prayer of earneſt heart,
That I would all my pilgrimage dilate,
Whereof by parcell ſhe had ſomething heard,
But not intentiuely, I did conſent,
And often did beguile her of her teares,

When I did ſpeake of ſome diſtreſſed ſtroake
That my youth ſuffered: my ſtory being done;
She gaue me for my paines a world of ſighes;
She ſwore Ifaith twas ſtrange, twas paſſing ſtrange;
Twas pittifull, twas wondrous pittifull;
She wiſht ſhe had not heard it, yet ſhe wiſht
That Heauen had made her ſuch a man: ſhe thanked me,
And bad me, if I had a friend that loued her,
I ſhould but teach him how to tell my ſtory,
And that would woo her. Vpon this heate I ſpake:
She lou'd me for the dangers I had paſt.
And I lou'd her that ſhe did pitty them.
This onely is the witchcraft I haue vs'd:
Here comes the Lady,
Let her witneſſe it.

Enter Deſdemona, Iago, *and the reſt.*

Du. I thinke this tale would win my daughter too, ----
Good *Brabantio*, take vp this mangled matter at the beſt,
Men doe their broken weapons rather vſe,
Then their bare hands.

Bra. I pray you heare her ſpeake.
If ſhe confeſſe that ſhe was halfe the wooer,
Deſtruction lite on me, if my bad blame
Light on the man. Come hither gentle miſtreſſe:
Doe you perceiue in all this noble company,
Where moſt you owe obedience?

Des. My noble father,
I doe perceiue here a deuided duty:
To you I am bound for life and education;
My life and education both doe learne me
How to reſpect you, you are Lord of all my duty,
I am hitherto your daughter, But heere's my husband:
And ſo much duty as my mother ſhewed
To you, preferring you before her father,
So much I challenge, that I may profeſſe,
Due to the Moore my Lord,

Bra.

Bra. God bu'y, I ha done:
Pleaſe it your Grace, on to the State affaires;
I had rather to adopt a child then get it;
Come hither Moore:
I here doe giue thee that, with all my heart
I would keepe from thee: for your ſake Iewell,
I am glad at ſoule. I haue no other child,
For thy eſcape would teach me tyranny,
To hang clogs on em, I haue done my Lord.

Du. Let me ſpeake like your ſelfe, and lay a ſentence
Which as a greeſe or ſtep may helpe theſe louers
Into your fauour.
When remedies are paſt, the griefes are ended,
By ſeeing the worſt, which late on hopes depended.
To mourne a miſcheife that is paſt and gone,
Is the next way to draw more miſchiefe on;
What cannot be preſeru'd when fortune takes,
Patience her iniury a mockery makes.
The rob'd that ſmiles, ſteales ſomething from the thiefe,
He robs himſelfe, that ſpends a bootleſſe griefe.

Bra. So let the *Turke*, of *Cypres* vs beguile,
We loſe it not ſo long as we can ſmile;
He beares the ſentence well that nothing beares,
But the free comfort, which from thence he heares:
But he beares both the ſentence and the ſorrow,
That to pay griefe, muſt of poore patience borrow.
Theſe ſentences to ſugar, or to gall,
Being ſtrong on both ſides, are equiuocall:
But words are words, I neuer yet did heare,
That the bruis'd heart was pierced through the eare:
Beſeech you now, to the affaires of the ſtate.

Du. The *Turke* with moſt mighty preparation makes for *Cipres*: *Othello*, the fortitude of the place, is beſt knowne to you, and tho we haue there a ſubſtitute of moſt allowed ſufficiency, yet opinion, a ſoueraigne miſtreſſe of effects, throwes a more fatter voyce on you; you muſt therefore bee content to ſlubber the gloſſe of your new fortunes, with this more ſtubborne and boiſterous expedition.

Oth. The tyrant custome most great Senators,
Hath made the flinty and steele Couch of warre,
My thrice driuen bed of downe: I doe agnize
A naturall and prompt alacrity,
I finde in hardnesse, and would vndertake
This present warres against the *Ottamites*,
Most humbly therefore, bending to your State,
I craue fit disposition for my wife,
Due reuerence of place and exhibition,
Which such accomodation? and besort
As leuels with her breeding.
Du. If you please, bee't at her fathers.
Bra. Ile not haue it so.
Oth. Nor I.
Desd. Nor I, I would not there reside,
To put my father in impatient thoughts,
By being in his eye: most gracious Duke,
To my vnfolding lend a gracious eare,
And let me finde a charter in your voyce,
And if my simplenesse. ----
Du. What would you ---- speake.
Des. That I did loue the Moore, to liue with him,
My downe right violence, and scorne of Fortunes,
May trumpet to the world: my hearts subdued,
Euen to the vtmost pleasure of my Lord:
I saw *Othelloes* visage in his minde,
And to his Honors, and his valiant parts
Did I my soule and fortunes consecrate:
So that deere Lords, if I be left behinde,
A Mothe of peace, and he goe to the warre,
The rites for which I loue him, are bereft me,
And I a heauy interim shall support,
By his deare absence, let me goe with him.
Oth. Your voyces Lords: beseech you let her will,
Haue a free way, I therefore beg it not
To please the palat of my appetite,
Nor to comply with heate, the young affects

In my defunct, and proper satisfaction,
But to be free and bounteous of her mind,
And heauen defend your good soules that you thinke
I will your serious and good businesse scant,
For she is with me; ---no, when light-wingd toyes,
And feather'd Cupid foyles with wanton dulnesse,
My speculatiue and actiue instruments,
That my disports, corrupt and taint my businesse,
Let huswiues make a skellet of my Helme,
And all indigne and base aduersities,
Make head against my reputation.
Du. Be it, as you shall priuately determine,
Either for stay or going, the affaires cry hast,
And speede must answer, you must hence to night.
Desd. To night my Lord?
Du. This night.
Oth. With all my heart.
Du. At ten i'the morning here weel meete againe.
Othello, leaue some officer behind,
And he shall our Commission bring to you,
With such things else of quality or respect,
As doth concerne you.
Oth. Please your Grace, my Ancient,
A man he is of honesty and trust,
To his conueyance I assigne my wife,
With what else needefull your good Grace shall thinke,
To be sent after me.
Du. Let it be so:
Good night to euery one, and noble Seignior,
If vertue no delighted beauty lacke,
Your son in law is farre more faire then blacke.
1 *Sena.* Adue braue Moore, vse *Desdemona* well.
Bra. Looke to her Moore, haue a quicke eye to see,
She has deceiu'd her father, may doe thee. *Exeunt.*
Oth. My life vpon her faith: honest *Iago*,
My *Desdemona* must I leaue to thee,
I prethee let thy wife attend on her,

And bring her after in the beſt aduantage;
Come *Deſdemona*, I haue but an houre
Of loue, of worldly matters, and direction,
To ſpend with thee, we muſt obey the time.

Rod. Iago. *Exit Moore and* Deſdemona.

Iag. What ſaieſt thou noble heart?

Rod. What will I doe thinkeſt thou?

Iag. Why goe to bed and ſleepe.

Rod. I will incontinently drowne my ſelfe.

Iag. Well, if thou doeſt, I ſhall neuer loue thee after it, Why, thou ſilly Gentleman.

Rod. It is ſillineſſe to liue, when to liue is a torment, and then we haue a preſcription, to dye when death is our Phyſition.

Iag. I ha look'd vpon the world for foure times ſeuen yeares, and ſince I could diſtinguiſh betweene a benefit, and an iniury, I neuer found a man that knew how to loue himſelfe: ere I would ſay I would drowne my ſelfe, for the loue of a Ginny Hen, I would change my humanity with a Baboone.

Rod. What ſhould I do? I confeſſe it is my ſhame to be ſo fond, but it is not in my vertue to amend it.

Iag. Vertue? a fig, tis in our ſelues, that wee are thus, or thus, our bodies are gardens, to the which our wills are Gardiners, ſo that if we will plant Nettles, or ſow Lettice, ſet Iſop, and weed vp Time; ſupply it with one gender of hearbes, or diſtract it with many; either to haue it ſterrill with Idleneſſe, or manur'd with Induſtry, why the power, and corrigible Authority of this, lies in our wills. If the ballance of our liues had not one ſcale of reaſon, to poiſe another of ſenſuality; the blood and baſeneſſe of our natures, would conduct vs to moſt prepoſterous concluſions. But wee haue reaſon to coole our raging motions, our carnall ſtings, our vnbitted luſts; whereof I take this, that you call loue to be a ſect, or ſyen.

Rod. It cannot be.

Iag. It is meerly a luſt of the blood, and a permiſſion of the will: Come, be a man; drowne thy ſelfe? drowne Cats and blinde Puppies: I proteſſe me thy friend, and I confeſſe me knit to thy deſeruing, with cables of perdurable toughneſſe; I could neuer better ſteede thee then now. Put money in thy purſe; follow theſe warres, defeate

defeate thy fauour with an vſurp'd beard; I ſay, put money in thy purſe. It cannot be, that *Deſdemona* ſhould long continue her loue vnto the Moore, --- put money in thy purſe, -- nor he to her; it was a violent commencement, and thou ſhalt ſee an anſwerable ſequeſtration: put but money in thy purſe. --- Theſe Moores are changeable in their wills: --- fill thy purſe with money. The food that to him now, is as luſhious as Locuſts, ſhall be to him ſhortly as acerbe as the Colloquintida. When ſhee is ſated with his body, ſhee will finde the error of her choyce; ſhee muſt haue change, ſhee muſt. Therefore put money in thy purſe: if thou wilt needes damme thy ſelfe, doe it a more delicate way then drowning; make all the money thou canſt. If ſanctimony, and a fraile vow, betwixt an erring *Barbarian*, and a ſuper ſubtle *Venetian*, be not too hard for my wits, and all the tribe of hell, thou ſhalt enioy her; therefore make money, --- a pox a drowning, tis cleane out of the way: ſeeke thou rather to be hang'd in compaſſing thy ioy, then to bee drowned, and goe without her.

Rod. Wilt thou be faſt to my hopes?

Iag. Thou art ſure of me --- goe, make money --- I haue told thee often, and I tell thee againe, and againe, I hate the Moore, my cauſe is harted, thine has no leſſe reaſon, let vs be communicatiue in our reuenge againſt him: If thou canſt cuckold him, thou doeſt thy ſelfe a pleaſure, and me a ſport. There are many euents in the womb of Time, which will be deliuered. Trauerce, go, prouide thy money, we will haue more of this to morrow, Adiue.

Rod. Where ſhall we meete i'th morning.

Iag. At my lodging.

Rod. I'le be with thee betimes.

Iag. Go to, farewell: --- doe you heare *Roderigo*?

Rod. what ſay you?

Iag. No more of drowning, doe you heare?

Rod. I am chang'd. *Exit Roderigo.*

Iag. Goe to, farewell, put money enough in your purſe:
Thus doe I euer make my foole my purſe:
For I mine owne gain'd knowledge ſhould prophane,
If I would time expend with ſuch a ſnipe,
But for my ſport and profit: I hate the Moore,

And

And it is thought abroad, that twixt my ſheetes
Ha's done my office; I know not, if't be true ---
Yet I, for meere ſuſpition in that kind,
Will doe, as if for ſurety: he holds me well,
The better ſhall my purpoſe worke on him.
Caſsio's a proper man, let me ſee now,
To get this place, and to make vp my will,
A double knauery --- how, how, --- let me ſee,
After ſome time, to abuſe *Othellos* eare,
That he is too familiar with his wife:
He has a perſon and a ſmooth diſpoſe,
To be ſuſpected, fram'd to make women falſe:
The Moore a free and open nature too,
That thinkes men honeſt, that but ſeemes to be ſo:
And will as tenderly be led bit'h noſe --- as Aſſes are:
I ha't, it is ingender'd: Hell and night
Muſt bring this monſtrous birth to the worlds light.

Exit.

Actus 2.

Scœna 1.

Enter Montanio, *Gouernor of* Cypres, *with two other Gentlemen.*

Montanio.

VVHat from the Cape can you diſcerne at Sea?

1 *Gent.* Nothing at all, it is a high wrought flood,
I cannot twixt the hauen and the mayne
Deſcry a ſaile.

Mon. Me thinkes the wind does ſpeake aloud at land,
A fuller blaſt ne're ſhooke our Battlements:
If it ha ruffian'd ſo vpon the ſea,
What ribbes of Oake, when the huge mountaine melt,

Can hold the mortiſes, --- What ſhall we heare of this?

2 *Gent.* A ſegregation of the *Turkiſh* Fleete:
For doe but ſtand vpon the banning ſhore,
The chiding billow ſeemes to pelt the cloudes,
The windſhak'd ſurge, with high and monſtrous mayne,
Seemes to caſt water, on the burning Beare,
And quench the guards of th'euer fired pole.
I neuer did, like moleſtation view,
On the inchaſed flood.

Mon. If that the *Turkiſh* Fleete
Be not inſhelter'd, and embayed, they are drown'd,
It is impoſſible they beare it out.

Enter a third Gentleman.

3 *Gent.* Newes Lords, your warres are done:
The deſperate Tempeſt hath ſo bang'd the *Turke*,
That their deſignement halts: Another ſhippe of *Venice* hath ſeene
A greeuous wracke and ſufferance
On moſt part of the Fleete.

Mon. How, is this true?

3 *Gent.* The ſhippe is heere put in:
A Veroneſſa, *Michael Caſſio*,
Lieutenant to the warlike Moore *Othello*,
Is come aſhore: the Moore himſelfe at Sea,
And is in full Commiſſion here for *Cypres*,

Mon. I am glad on't, tis a worthy Gouernour.

3 *Gent.* But this ſame *Caſsio*, tho he ſpeake of comfort,
Touching the *Turkiſh* loſſe, yet he lookes ſadly,
And prayes the Moore be ſafe, for they were parted,
With foule and violent Tempeſt.

Mon. Pray Heauen he be:
For I haue ſeru'd him, and the man commands
Like a full Souldier:
Lets to the ſea ſide, ho,
As well to ſee the veſſell that's come in,

As to throw out our eyes for braue *Othello*.
3 *Gent.* Come, lets doe so,
For euery minute is expectancy
Of more arriuance, *Enter* Cassio.
Cas. Thankes to the valiant of this worthy Isle,
That so approue the Moore, and let the heauens
Giue him defence against their Elements,
For I haue lost him on a dangerous sea.
Mon. Is he well shipt?
Cas. His Barke is stoutly timberd, and his Pilate
Of very expert and approu'd allowance,
Therefore my hope's not surfeited to death,
Stand in bold cure. *Enter a Messenger.*
Mess. A saile, a saile, a saile.
Cas. What noyse?
Mess. The Towne is empty, on the brow o'th sea,
otand ranckes of people, and they cry a sayle.
Cas. My hopes doe shape him for the guernement.
2 *Gen.* They doe discharge the shot of courtesie,
Our friend at least. *A shot.*
Cas. I pray you sir goe forth,
And giue vs truth, who tis that is arriu'd.
2 *Gent.* I shall. *Exit.*
Mon. But good Leiutenant, is your Generall wiu'd?
Cas. Most fortunately, he hath atchieu'd a maide,
That parragons description, and wild fame:
One that excells the blasoning pens,
And in the essentiall vesture of creation,
Does beare all excellency: --- now, who has put in?
Enter 2. Gentleman.
2 *Gent.* Tis one *Iago*, ancient to the Generall,
He has had most fauourable and happy speede,
Tempests themselues, by seas, and houling windes,
The guttered rocks, and congregated sands,
Traitors enscerped; to clog the guiltlesse Keele,
As hauing sence of beauty, do omit
Their common natures, letting goe safely by

The diuine *Desdemona*.
Mon. What is she?
Cas. She that I spoke of, our great Captains Captaine,
Left in the conduct of the bold *Iago*.
Whose footing here anticipates our thoughts
A sennights speede --- great *Ioue Othello* guard,
And swell his saile with thine owne powerfull breath,
That he may blesse this Bay with his tall shippe,
And swiftly come to *Desdemona's* armes.

Enter Desdemona, Iago, Emillia, *and* Roderigo.

Giue renewd fire,
To our extincted spirits.
And bring all *Cypresse* comfort, --- O behold
The riches of the ship is come ashore.
Ye men of *Cypres*, let her haue your knees:
Haile to thee Lady: and the grace of heauen,
Before, behinde thee, and on euery hand,
Enwheele thee round.
Desd. I thanke you valiant *Cassio*:
What tidings can you tell me of my Lord?
Cas. He is not yet arriued, nor know I ought,
But that hee's well, and will be shortly here.
Desd. O but I feare: --- how lost you company?
[*within.*] *A saile, a saile.*
Cas. The great contention of the sea and skies
Parted our fellowship: but harke, A saile.
2 *Gent.* They giue their greeting to the Cittadell,
This likewise is a friend.
Cas. So speakes this voyce:
Good Ancient, you are welcome, welcome Mistresse,
Let it not gall your patience, good *Iago*,
That I extend my manners, tis my breeding,
That gines me this bold shew of courtesie.
Iag. For would she giue you so much of her lips,
As of her tongue, she has bestowed on me,
You'd haue enough.

Des. Alas! ſhee has no ſpeech.
Iag. I know too much:
I finde it, I; for when I ha liſt to ſleepe,
Mary, before your Ladiſhip I grant,
She puts her tongue a little in her heart,
And chides with thinking.
Em. You ha little cauſe to ſay ſo.
Iag. Come on, Come on, you are Pictures out adores:
Bells in your Parlors: Wildcats in your Kitchins:
Saints in your iniuries: Diuells being offended:
Players in your houſwifery; and houſwiues in your beds.
O fie vpon thee ſlanderer.
Iag. Nay, it is true, or elſe I am a *Turke*,
You riſe to play, and goe to bed to worke.
Em. You ſhall not write my praiſe.
Iag. No, let me not.
Desd. What wouldſt thou write of me,
If thou ſhouldſt praiſe me?
Iag. O gentle Lady, doe not put me to't,
For I am nothing, if not Criticall.
Desd. Come on, aſſay -- there's one gone to the Harbor?
Iag. I Madam.
Desd. I am not merry, but I doe beguile
The thing I am, by ſeeming otherwiſe:
Come, how wouldſt thou praiſe me?
Iag. I am about it, but indeed my inuention
Comes from my pate, as birdlime does from freeze,
It plucks out braine and all: but my Muſe labors,
And thus ſhe is deliuer'd:
If ſhe be faire and wiſe, faireneſſe and wit;
The one's for vſe, the other vſing it.
Desd. Well praiſde: how if ſhe be blacke and witty?
Iag. If ſhe be blacke, and therein haue a wit,
Shee'le finde a white, that ſhall her blackneſſe hit.
Desd. Worſe and worſe.
Em. How if faire and fooliſh?
Iag. Shee neuer yet was fooliſh, that was faire,

For euen her folly helpt her, to a haire.
Des. Theſe are old paradoxes, to make fooles laugh i'the Alehouſe,
What miſerable praiſe haſt thou for her,
That's foule and fooliſh?
Iag. There's none ſo foule, and fooliſh thereunto,
But does foule prankes, which faire and wiſe ones doe.
Desd. O heauy ignorance, that praiſes the worſt beſt: but what
praiſe couldſt thou beſtow on a deſeruing woman indeed? one,
that in the authority of her merrits, did iuſtly put on the vouch of
very malice it ſelfe?
Iag. She that was euer faire, and neuer proud,
Had tongue at will, and yet was neuer lowd,
Neuer lackt gold, and yet went neuer gay,
Fled from her wiſh, and yet ſaid, now I may:
She that being angred, her reuenge being nigh,
Bad her wrong ſtay, and her diſpleaſure flye;
She that in wiſedome, neuer was ſo fraile,
To change the Godſhead for the Salmons taile.
She that could thinke, and ne're diſcloſe her minde,
She was a wight, if euer ſuch wight were.
Des. To doe what?
Iag. To ſuckle fooles, and chronicle ſmall Beere.
Des. O moſt lame and impotent concluſion:
Doe not learne of him *Emillia*, tho he be thy husband;
How ſay you *Caſſio*, is he not a moſt prophane and liberall
Counſellour?
Caſ. He ſpeakes home Madam, you may relliſh him
More in the Souldier then in the Scholler.
Iag. He takes her by the palme; I well ſed, whiſper: as little a
webbe as this will enſnare as great a Flee as *Caſſio*. I ſmile vpon
her, doe: I will catch you in your owne courteſies: you ſay true,
tis ſo indeed. If ſuch trickes as theſe ſtrip you out of your Leiute-
nantry, it had beene better you had not riſt your three fingers ſo off,
which now againe, you are moſt apt to play the ſir in: good, well
kiſt, an excellent courteſie; tis ſo indeed: yet againe, your fingers at
your lips? Would they were Cliſterpipes for your ſake. --- The
Moore, I know his Trumpet. *Trumpets within.*

Enter

Enter Othello, *and Attendants.*

Cas. Tis truely so.
Des. Lets meete him, and receiue him.
Cas. Loe, where he comes.
Oth. O my faire Warriour.
Des. My deare *Othello.*
Oth. It giues me wonder great as my content,
To see you here before me: O my soules ioy,
If after euery tempest, come such calmenesse,
May the winds blow, till they haue wakened death,
And let the labouring Barke clime hills of seas,
Olympus high, and duck againe as low,
As hell's from Heauen: If it were now to dye,
T'were now to be most happy, for I feare
My soule hath her content so absolute,
That not another comfort, like to this
Succeeds in vnknowne Fate.
Des. The Heauens forbid,
But that our loues and comforts should increase,
Euen as our dayes doe growe.
Oth. Amen to that sweete power,
I cannot speake enough of this content,
It stops me heere, it is too much of ioy:
And this, and this, the greatest discord be, *they kisse.*
That ere our hearts shall make.
Iag. O, you are well tun'd now,
But I'le set downe the pegs, that make this musique,
As honest as I am.
Oth. Come, let vs to the Castle:
Newes friends, our warres are done, the *Turks* are drownd:
How doe our old acquaintance of the Isle;
Honny, you shall be well desir'd in *Cypres*;
I haue found great loue amongst them: O my sweete,
I prattle out of fashion, and I dote,
In mine one comforts: I preethee good *Iago*,
Goe to the Bay, and disimbarke my Coffers;
Bring thou the Master to the Cittadell;

He

He is a good one, and his worthinesse,
Does challenge much respect: come *Desdemona*,
Once more well met at *Cypres*. *Exit.*

Iag. Doe thou meete me presently at the Habour: come hither, If thou beest valiant, as they say, base men being in loue, haue then a Nobility in their natures, more then is natiue to them --- list me, the Leiutenant to night watches on the Court of Guard: first I will tell thee, this *Desdemona* is directly in loue with him.

Rod. With him? why tis not possible.

Iag. Lay thy finger thus, and let thy soule be instructed: marke me, with what violence she first lou'd the Moore, but for bragging, and telling her fantasticall lies; and will she loue him still for prating? let not the discreet heart thinke so. Her eye must be fed, and what delight shall she haue to look on the Diuell? When the blood is made dull with the act of sport, there should be againe to inflame it, and giue saciety a fresh appetite. Loue lines in fauour, sympathy in yeares, manners and beauties; all which the Moore is defectiue in: now for want of these requir'd conueniences, her delicate tenderneste will finde it selfe abus'd, beginne to heaue the gorge, disrellish and abhorre the Moore, very nature will instruct her to it, and compell her to some second choyce: now sir, this granted, as it is a most pregnant and vnforced position, who stands so eminently in the degree of this fortune, as *Cassio* does? a knaue very voluble, no farder conscionable, then in putting on the meere forme of ciuill and humane seeming, for the better compassing of his salt and hidden affections: A subtle slippery knaue, a finder out of occasions; that has an eye, can stampe and counterfeit the true aduantages neuer present themselues. Besides, the knaue is handsome, yong, and hath all those requisites in him that folly and green mindes look after; a pestilent compleate knaue, and the woman has found him already.

Rod. I cannot beleeue that in her, shee's full of most blest condition.

Iag. Blest figs end: the wine shee drinkes is made of grapes: if she had beene blest, she would neuer haue lou'd the Moore. Did'st thou not see her paddle with the palme of his hand?

Rod. Yes, but that was but courtesie.

Iag. Lechery, by this hand: an Index and prologue to the history,

ſtory of luſt and foule thoughts: they met ſo neere with their lips, that their breathes embrac'd together. When theſe mutualities ſo marſhall the way, hand at hand, comes the maine exerciſe, the incorporate concluſion. But ſir, be you rul'd by mee, I haue brought you from *Venice*: watch you to night, for your command I'le lay't vpon you, *Caſsio* knowes you not, I'le not be farre from you, do you finde ſome occaſion to anger *Caſsio*, either by ſpeaking too loud, or tainting his diſcipline, or from what other cauſe you pleaſe; which the time ſhall more fauourably miniſter.

Rod. Well.

Iag. Sir he is raſh, and very ſuddain in choler, and haply with his Trunchen may ſtrike at you; prouoke him that he may, for euen out of that, will I cauſe theſe of *Cypres* to mutiny, whoſe quallification ſhall come into no true truſt again't, but by the diſplanting of *Caſsio*: So ſhall you haue a ſhorter iourney to your deſires by the meanes I ſhal then haue to prefer them, & the impediment, moſt profitably remou'd, without which there were no expectation of our proſperity.

Rod. I will doe this, if I can bring it to any opportunity.

Iag. I warrant thee, meete me by and by at the Cittadell; I muſt fetch his neceſſaries aſhore. --- Farewell.

Rod. Adue. *Exit.*

Iag. That *Caſsio* loues her, I doe well beleeue it;
That ſhe loues him, tis apt and of great credit;
The Moore howbe't, that I indure him not,
Is of a conſtant, noble, louing nature;
And I dare thinke, hee'le proue to *Deſdemona*,
A moſt deere husband: now I doe loue her too,
Not out of abſolute luſt, tho peraduenture.
I ſtand accountant for as great a ſin,
But partly lead to diet my reuenge,
For that I doe ſuſpect the luſtfull Moore,
Hath leap'd into my ſeate, the thought whereof
Doth like a poiſonous minerall gnaw my inwards,
And nothing can, nor ſhall content my ſoule,
Till I am euen with him, wife, for wife:
Or failing ſo, yet that I put the Moore,
At leaſt, into a Iealouſie ſo ſtrong,

That Iudgement cannot cure; which thing to doe,
If this poore traſh of *Venice*, whom I cruſh,
For his quicke hunting, ſtand the putting on,
I'le haue our *Michael Caſsio* on the hip,
Abuſe him to the Moore, in the ranke garbe,
(For I feare *Caſsio*, with my nightcap too)
Make the Moore thanke me, loue me, and reward me,
For making him egregiouſly an Aſſe,
And practiſing vpon his peace and quiet,
Euen to madneſſe: tis here, but yet confus'd,
Knaueries plaine face is neuer ſeene, till vs'd.

Exit.

Enter a Gentleman reading a Proclamation.

It is *Othello's* pleaſure, our noble and valiant Generall, that vpon certaine tidings now arriued, importing the meere perdition of the *Turkiſh* Fleete; that euery man put himſelfe into triumph: Some to dance, ſome make bonefires; each man to what ſport and Reuels his minde leades him; for beſides theſe beneficiall newes, it is the celebration of his Nuptialls: So much was his pleaſure ſhould bee proclaimed. All Offices are open, and there is full liberty, from this preſent houre of fiue, till the bell hath told eleuen. Heauen bleſſe the Iſle of *Cypres*, and our noble Generall *Othello*.

Enter Othello, Caſſio, *and* Deſdemona.

Oth. Good *Michael*, looke you to the guard to night,
Lets teach our ſelues the honourable ſtoppe,
Not to out ſport diſcretion.

Caſ. Iago hath directed what to doe:
But notwithſtanding with my perſonall eye
Will I looke to it.

Oth. Iago is moſt honeſt,
Michael good night, to morrow with your earlieſt,
Let me haue ſpeech with you, come my deare loue,
The purchaſe made, the fruits are to enſue,

The profits yet to come twixt me and you,
Good night. *Exit* Othello *and* Desdemona.

Enter Iago.

Cas. Welcome *Iago*, we must to the watch.

Iag. Not this houre Leiutenant, tis not yet ten aclock: our Generall cast vs thus early for the loue of his *Desdemena*. who let vs not therefore blame, hee hath not yet made wanton the night with her; and she is sport for *Ioue*.

Cas. She is a most exquisite Lady.

Iag. And I'le warrant her full of game.

Cas. Indeede she is a most fresh and delicate creature.

Iag. What an eye she has?
Me thinkes it sounds a parly of prouocation.

Cas. An inuiting eye, and yet me thinkes right moddest.

Iag. And when she speakes, tis an alarme to loue.

Cas. It is indeede perfection.

Iag. Well, happinesse to their sheetes --- come Leiutenant, I haue a stope of Wine, and heere without are a brace of *Cypres* Gallants, that would faine haue a measure to the health of the blacke *Othello*.

Cas. Not to night, good *Iago*; I haue very poore and vnhappy braines for drinking: I could well wish courtesie would inuent some other custome of entertainement.

Iag. O they are our friends, --- but one cup: I'le drink for you.

Cas. I ha drunke but one cup to night, and that was craftily qualified to, and behold what innouation it makes here: I am vnfortunate in the infirmity, and dare not taske my weakenesse with any more.

Iag. What man, tis a night of Reuells, the Gallants desire it.

Cas. Where are they?

Iag. Here at the dore, I pray you call them in.

Cas. I'le do't, but it dislikes me. *Exit.*

Iag. If I can fasten but one cup vpon him,
With that which he hath drunke to night already,
Hee'll be as full of quarrell and offence,
As my young mistris dog: --- Now my sicke foole *Rodorigo*,
Whom loue has turn'd almost the wrong side outward,

To

To *Desdemona*, hath to night caroust
Potations pottle deepe, and hee's to watch
Three lads of *Cypres*, noble swelling spirits,
That hold their honour, in a wary distance,
The very Elements of this warlike Isle,
Haue I to night flustred with flowing cups,
And the watch too: now mongst this flocke of drunkards,
I am to put our *Cassio* in some action,
That may offend the Isle; *Enter* Montanio, Cassio,
But here they come: *and others.*
If consequence doe but approoue my dreame,
My boate failes freely, both with winde and streame.

Cas. Fore God they haue giuen me a rouse already.

Mon. Good faith a little one, not past a pint,
As I am a souldier. *Iag.* Some wine ho:
And let me the Cannikin clinke, clinke,
And let me the Cannikin clinke, clinke:
A Souldier's a man, a life's but a span,
Why then let a souldier drinke. --- Some wine boyes,

Cas. Fore God an excellent song.

Iag. I learn'd it in *England*, where indeed they are most potent in potting: your *Dane*, your *Germaine*, and your swag-bellied *Hollander*; drinke ho, are nothing to your *English*.

Cas. Is your *English* man so expert in his drinking?

Iag. Why he drinkes you with facillity, your *Dane* dead drunke: he sweats not to ouerthrow your *Almaine*; he giues your *Hollander* a vomit, ere the next pottle can be fild.

Cas. To the health of our Generall.

Mon. I am for it Leiutenant, and I will doe you iustice.

Iag. O sweete *England*, --- King *Stephen* was a worthy peere,
His breeches cost him but a crowne,
He held 'em sixpence all too deere,
With that he cald the Taylor lowne,
He was a wight of high renowne,
And thou art but of low degree,
Tis pride that puls the Country downe,
Then take thine owd cloke about thee. --- Some wine ho.

Caſ. Fore God this is a more exquiſite ſong then the other.

Iag. Will you hear't agen?

Caſ. No, for I hold him vnworthy of his place, that does thoſe things: well, God's aboue all, and there bee ſoules that muſt bee ſaued.

Iag. It is true good Leiutenant.

Caſ. For mine own part, no offence to the Generall, nor any man of quality, I hope to be ſaued.

Iag. And ſo doe I Leiutenant.

Caſ. I, but by your leaue, not before me; the Leiutenant is to be ſaued before the Ancient. Let's ha no more of this, let's to our affaires: God forgiue vs our ſins: Gentlemen, let's looke to our buſineſſe; Doe not thinke Gentlemen I am drunke, this is my Ancient, this is my right hand, and this is my left hand: I am not drunke now, I can ſtand well enough, and ſpeake well enough.

All. Excellent well.

Caſ. Very well then: you muſt not thinke, that I am drunke. *Ex.*

Mon. To the plotforme maiſters. Come, let's ſet the watch.

Iag. You ſee this fellow that is gone before,
He is a Souldier fit to ſtand by *Cæſar*,
And giue direction: and doe but ſee his vice,
Tis to his vertue, a iuſt equinox,
The one as long as th'other: tis pitty of him,
I feare the truſt *Othello* put him in,
On ſome odde time of his infirmity,
Will ſhake this Iſland.

Mon. But is he often thus.

Iag. Tis euermore the Prologue to his ſleepe:
Hee'le watch the horologe a double ſet,
If drinke rocke not his cradle.

Mon. Twere well the Generall wete put in minde of it,
Perhaps he ſees it not, or his good nature,
Praiſes the vertues that appeares in *Caſsio*,
And looke not on his euills: is not this true?

Enter Roderigo.

Iag. How now *Roderigo*,
I pray you after the Leiutenant, goe. *Exit Rod.*

Mon. And tis great pitty that the noble Moore

ſhould

Should hazard ſuch a place, as his owne ſecond,
With one of an ingraft infirmity:
It were an honeſt action to ſay ſo to the Moore.

Iag. Nor I, for this faire Iſland:
I doe loue *Caſſio* well, and would doe much, *Helpe, helpe, within.*
To cure him of this euill: but harke, what noyſe.

Enter Caſſio, *driuing in* Roderigo.

Caſ. Zouns, you rogue, you raſcall.

Mon. what's the matter Leiutenant?

Caſ. A knaue, teach mee my duty: but I'le beate the knaue into a wicker bottle.

Rod. Beate me?

Caſ. Doeſt thou prate rogue? *they fight.*

Mon. Good Leiutenant; pray ſir hold your hand.

Caſ. Let me goe ſir, or ile knocke you ore the mazzard.

Mon. Come, come, you are drunke.

Caſ. Drunke? *A bell rung.*

Iag. Away I ſay, goe out and cry a mutiny.
Nay good Leiutenant: godſwill Gentlemen,
Helpe ho, Leiutenant: Sir *Montanio*, ſir,
Helpe maiſters, here's a goodly watch indeed,
Who's that that rings the bell? Diablo --- ho,
The Towne will riſe, godſwill Leiutenant, hold,
You will be ſham'd for euer.

Enter Othello, *and Gentlemen with weapons.*

Oth. What is the matter here?

Mon. Zouns, I bleed ſtill, I am hurt, to the death:

Oth. Hold, for your liues.

Iag. Hold, hold Leiutenant, ſir *Montanio*, Gentlemen,
Haue you forgot all place of ſence, and duty:
Hold, the Generall ſpeakes to you; hold, hold, for ſhame.

Oth. Why how now ho, from whence ariſes this?
Are we turn'd *Turkes*, and to our ſelues doe that,
Which Heauen has forbid the *Ottamites*:

For Chriſtian ſhame, put by this barbarous brawle;
He that ſtirres next, to carue forth his owne rage,
Holds his ſoule light, he dies vpon his motion;
Silence that dreadfull bell, it frights the Iſle
From her propriety: what's the matter maſters?
Honeſt *Iago*, that lookes dead with grieuing,
Speake, who began this, on thy loue I charge thee.

Iag. I doe not know, friends all but now, euen now,
In quarter, and in termes, like bride and groome,
Deueſting them to bed, and then but now,
As if ſome planet had vnwitted men,
Swords out, and tilting one at others breaſt,
In oppoſition bloody. I cannot ſpeake
Any beginning to this peeuiſh odds;
And would in action glorious, I had loſt
Theſe legges, that brought me to a part of it.

Oth. How came it *Michael*, you were thus forgot?

Caſ. I pray you pardon me, I cannot ſpeake.

Oth. Worthy *Montanio*, you were wont be ciuill,
The grauity and ſtilneſſe of your youth,
The world hath noted, and your name is great,
In men of wiſeſt cenſure: what's the matter
That you vnlace your reputation thus,
And ſpend your rich opinion, for the name
Of a night brawler? giue me anſwer to't?

Mon. Worthy *Othello*, I am hurt to danger,
Your Officer *Iago* can informe you,
While I ſpare ſpeech, which ſomething now offends me,
Of all that I doe know, nor know I ought
By me, that's ſed or done amiſſe this night,
Vnleſſe ſelfe-charity be ſometime a vice,
And to defend our ſelues it be a ſinne,
When violence aſſayles vs.

Oth. Now by heauen
My blood begins my ſafer guides to rule,
And paſſion hauing my beſt iudgement coold,
Aſſayes to leade the way. Zouns, if I ſtirre,

Or

Or doe but lift this arme, the beſt of you
Shall ſinke in my rebuke: giue me to know
How this foule rout began, who ſet it on,
And he that is approou'd in this offence,
Tho he had twin'd with me, both at a birth,
Shall looſe me; what, in a Towne of warre,
Yet wild, the peoples hearts brim full of feare,
To mannage priuate and domeſticke quarrels,
In night, and on the Court and guard of ſafety?
Tis monſtrous. *Iago*, who began?

Mon. If partiality affin'd, or league in office,
Thou doeſt deliuer, more or leſſe then truth,
Thou art no ſouldier.

Iag. Touch me not ſo neere,
I had rather ha this tongue out from my mouth,
Then it ſhould doe offence to *Michael Caſſio*:
Yet I perſwade my ſelfe to ſpeake the truth,
Shall nothing wrong him. Thus it is Generall:
Montanio and my ſelfe being in ſpeech,
There comes a fellow, crying out for helpe,
And *Caſsio* following him with determin'd ſword,
To execute vpon him: Sir this Gentleman
Steps in to *Caſsio*, and intreates his pauſe;
My ſelfe the crying fellow did purſue,
Leſt by his clamour, as it ſo fell out,
The Towne might fall in fright: he ſwift of foote,
Out ran my purpoſe: and I returnd the rather,
For that I heard the clinke and fall of ſwords:
And *Caſsio* high in oaths, which till to night,
I ne're might ſee before: when I came backe,
For this was briefe, I found them cloſe together,
At blow and thruſt, euen as agen they were,
When you your ſelfe did part them.
More of this matter can I not report,
But men are men, the beſt ſometimes forget;
Tho *Caſsio* did ſome little wrong to him,
As men in rage ſtrike thoſe that wiſh them beſt,

Yet surely *Cassio*, I beleeue receiu'd
From him that fled, some strange indignity,
Which patience could not passe.
Oth. I know *Iago*,
Thy honesty and loue doth mince this matter,
Making it light to *Cassio*: *Cassio*, I loue thee,
But neuer more be Officer of mine. *Enter* Desdemona,
Looke if my Gentle loue be not raisde vp: *with others.*
I'le make thee an example.
Desd. What is the matter?
Oth. All's well now sweeting:
Come away to bed: sir, for your hurts,
My selfe will be your surgeon; leade him off;
Iago, looke with care about the Towne,
And silence those, whom this vile brawle distracted.
Come *Desdemona*: tis the Souldiers life,
To haue their balmy slumbers wak'd with strife,
Iag. What are you hurt Leiutenant?
Exit Moore, Desdemona, *and attendants.*
Cas. I, past all surgery.
Iag. Mary God forbid.
Cas. Reputation, reputation, I ha lost my reputation:
I ha lost the immortall part sir of my selfe,
And what remaines is beastiall, my reputation,
Iago, my reputation.
Iag. As I am an honest man, I thought you had receiu'd some bodily wound, there is more offence in that, then in Reputation: reputation is an idle and most false imposition, oft got without merit, and lost without deseruing. You haue lost no reputation at all, vnlesse you repute your selfe such a loser; what man, there are wayes to recouer the Generall agen: you are but now cast in his moode, a punishment more in policy, then in malice, euen so, as one would beate his offenceless dog, to affright an imperious Lyon: sue to him againe, and hees yours.
Cas. I will rather sue to be despis'd, then to deceiue so good a Commander, with so light, so drunken, and indiscreete an Officer: O thou inuisible spirit of wine, if thou hast no name to bee knowne by

by, let vs call thee Diuell.
Iag. What was he, that you followed with your sword? What had he done to you?
Cas. I know not.
Iag. Is't possible?
Cas. I remember a masse of things, but nothing distinctly; a quarrell, but nothing wherefore. O God, that men should put an enemy in there mouthes, to steale away there braines; that wee should with ioy, Reuell, pleasure, and applause, transforme our selues into beasts.
Iag. Why, but you are now well enough: how came you thus recouered?
Cas. It hath pleasde the Diuell drunkennesse, to giue place to the Diuell wrath; one vnperfectnesse, shewes me another, to make me frankely despise my selfe.
Iag. Come, you are too seuere a morraler, as the time, the place, the condition of this Countrey stands, I could heartily wish, this had not so befalne; but since it is as it is, mend it, for your own good.
Cas. I will aske him for my place againe, hee shall tell me I am a drunkard: had I as many mouthes as *Hydra*, such an answer would stop em all: to be now a sensible man, by and by a foole, and presently a beast. Every vnordinate cup is vnblest, and the ingredience is a diuell.
Iag. Come, come, good wine is a good familiar creature, if it be well vs'd; exclaime no more against it; and good Leiutenant, I thinke you thinke I loue you.
Cas. I haue well approou'd it sir, --- I drunke?
Iag. You, or any man liuing may bee drunke at some time: I'le tell you what you shall do, -- our Generals wife is now the Generall; I may say so in this respect, for that he has deuoted and giuen vp himselfe to the contemplation, marke and deuotement of her parts and graces. Confesse your selfe freely to her, importune her, shee'll helpe to put you in your place againe: she is so free, so kind, so apt, so blessed a disposition, that shee holds it a vice in her goodnesse, not to doe more then shee is requested. This braule betweene you and her husband, intreate her to splinter, and my fortunes against any lay, worth naming, this cracke of your loue

shall grow stronger then twas before.

Cas. You aduise me well.

Iag. I protest in the sincerity of loue and honest kindnesse.

Cas. I thinke it freely, and betimes in the morning, will I beseech the vertuous *Desdemona*, to vndertake for me; I am desperate of my fortunes, if they checke me here.

Iag. You are in the right:
Good night Leiutenant, I must to the watch.

Cas. Good night honest *Iago*. *Exit.*

Iag. And what's he then, that sayes I play the villaine,
When this aduice is free I giue, and honest,
Proball to thinking, and indeed the course,
To win the Moore agen? For tis most easie
The inclining *Desdemona* to subdue,
In any honest suite, she's fram'd as fruitfull,
As the free Elements: and then for her
To win the Moore, wer't to renounce his baptisme,
All seales and symbols of redeemed sin,
His soule is so infetter'd to her loue,
That she may make, vnmake, doe what she list,
Euen as her appetite shall play the god
With his weake function: how am I then a villaine?
To counsell *Cassio* to this parrallell course.
Directly to his good: diuinity of hell,
When diuells will their blackest sins put on,
They doe suggest at first with heauenly shewes,
As I doe now: for while this honest foole
Plyes *Desdemona* to repaire his fortunes,
And she for him, pleades strongly to the Moore:
I'le poure this pestilence into his care,
That she repeales him for her bodyes lust;
And by how much she striues to doe him good,
She shall vndoe her credit with the Moore,
So will I turne her vertue into pitch,
And out of her owne goodnesse make the net
That shall enmesh em all: *Enter* Roderigo.
How now *Roderigo*?

Rod.

Rod. I do follow here in the chase, not like a hound that hunts, but one that filles vp the cry: my money is almost spent, I ha bin to night exceedingly well cudgeld: I thinke the issue will be, I shall haue so much experience for my paines, as that comes to, and no money at all, and with that wit returne to *Venice*.

Iag. How poore are they, that ha not patience?
What wound did euer heale, but by degrees?
Thou knowest we worke by wit, and not by witchcraft,
And wit depends on dilatory time.
Do'st not goe well? *Cassio* has beaten thee,
And thou, by that small hurt, hast casheird *Cassio*,
The other things grow faire against the sun,
But fruites that blossome first, will first be ripe,
Content thy selfe awhile; bi'the masse tis morning;
Pleasure, and action, make the houres seeme short:
Retire thee, goe where thou art billeted,
Away I say, thou shalt know more hereafter:
Nay get thee gon. Some things are to be done,
My wife must moue for *Cassio* to her mistris,
I'le set her on.
My selfe awhile, to draw the Moore apart,
And bring him iumpe, when he may *Cassio* finde,
Soliciting his wife: I, that's the way,
Dull not deuise by coldnesse and delay. *Exeunt.*

Enter Cassio, *with Musitians and the Clowne.*

Cas. MAsters, play here, I will content your paines,
Something that's briefe, and bid good morrow Generall.

Clo. Why masters, ha your instruments bin at Naples, that they speake i'the nose thus?

Boy. How sir, how?

Clo. Are these I pray, cald wind Instruments?

Boy. I marry are they sir.

Clo. O, thereby hangs a tayle.

Boy. Whereby hangs a tayle sir?

Clo. Marry sir, by many a winde Instrument that I know. But masters,

masters heere's money for you, and the Generall so likes your musique, that hee desires you of all loues, to make no more noyse with it.

Boy, Well sir, wee will not.

Clo. If you haue any musique that may not bee heard, to't againe, but as they saay, to heare musique, the Generall does not greatly care.

Boy. We ha none such sir.

Clo. Then put your pipes in your bag, for I'le away; goe, vanish away.

Cas. Doest thou heare my honest friend?

Clo. No, I heare not your honest friend, I heare you.

Cas. Preethee keepe vp thy quillets, there's a poore peece of gold for thee: if the Gentlewoman that attends the Generals wife be stirring, tell her there's one *Cassio*, entreates her a little fauour of speech --- wilt thou doe this?

Clo. She is stirring sir, if she will stirre hither, I shall seeme to notifie vnto her. *Enter* Iago.

Cas. Doe good my friend: In happy time *Iago*.

Iag. You ha not bin a bed then.

Cas. Why no, the day had broke before we parted: I ha made bold *Iago*, to send in to your wife, - my suite to her, Is, that she will to vertuous *Desdemona*, Procure me some accesse.

Iag. I'le send her to you presently, And I'le deuise a meane to draw the Moore Out of the way, that your conuerse and businesse, May be more free. *Exit.*

Cas. I humbly thanke you for it: I neuer knew A Florentine more kinde and honest:

Enter Emilia.

Em. Good morrow good Leiutenant, I am sorry For your displeasure, but all will soone be well, The Generall and his wife are talking of it, And she speakes for you stourly: the Moore replies, That he you hurt is of great fame in *Cypres*, And great affinity, and that in wholesome wisedome,

He might not but refuse you: but he protests he loues you, And needes no other suitor but his likings, To take the safest occasion by the front, To bring you in againe.

Cas. Yet I beseech you, If you thinke fit, or that it may be done, Giue me aduantage of some briefe discourse With *Desdemona* alone.

Em. Pray you come in, I will bestow you where you shall haue time, To speake your bosome freely.

Exeunt.

Enter Othello, Iago, *and other Gentlemen.*

Oth. These letters giue *Iago*, to the Pilate, And by him, doe my duties to the State; That done, I will be walking on the workes, Repaire there to me.

Iag. Well my good Lord, I'le do't.

Oth. This fortification Gentlemen, shall we see't?

Gent. We waite vpon your Lordship.

Exeunt.

Enter Desdemona, Cassio *and* Emillia.

Des. Be thou assur'd good *Cassio*, I will doe All my abilities in thy behalfe.

Em. Good Madam do, I know it grieues my husband, As if the case were his.

Desd. O that's an honest fellow: - do not doubt *Cassio*, But I will haue my Lord and you againe, As friendly as you were.

Cas. Bounteous Madame, What euer shall become of *Michael Cassio*, Hee's neuer any thing but your true seruant.

Desd. O sir, I thanke you, you doe loue my Lord: You haue knowne him long, and be you well assur'd, He shall in strangest, stand no farther off, Then in a politique distance.

Caſ. I but Lady,
The pollicy may either laſt ſo long,
Or feede vpon ſuch nice, and watriſh diet,
Or breed it ſelfe, ſo out of circumſtance,
That I being abſent, and my place ſupplied,
My Generall will forget my loue and ſeruice:
Deſd. Doe not doubt that, before *Emilia* here,
I giue thee warrant of thy place; aſſure thee
If I doe vow a friendſhip, I'le performe it
To the laſt Article; my Lord ſhall neuer reſt,
I'le watch him tame, and talke him out of patience;
His bed ſhall ſeeme a ſchoole, his boord a ſhrift,
I'le intermingle euery thing he does,
With *Caſsio's* ſuite; therefore be merry *Caſsio*,
For thy ſoiliciter ſhall rather die,
Then giue thee cauſe: away.

Enter Othello, Iago, *and Gentlemen.*

Em. Madam, here comes my Lord.
Caſ. Madam, I'le take my leaue.
Deſd. Why ſtay and heare me ſpeake.
Caſ. Madam not now, I am very ill at eaſe,
Vnfit for mine owne purpoſe.
Deſd. Well, doe your diſcretion. *Exit* Caſſio.
Iag. Ha, I like not that.
Oth. What doeſt thou ſay?
Iag. Nothing my Lord, or if, I know not what.
Oth. Was not that *Caſsio* parted from my wife?
Iag. *Caſsio* my Lord? --no ſure, I cannot thinke it,
That he would ſneake away ſo guilty-like,
Seeing you comming.
Oth. I doe beleeue twas he.
Deſd. How now my Lord,
I haue beene talking with a ſuiter here,
A man that languiſhes in your diſpleaſure.
Oth. Who i'ſt you meane?
Deſd. Why your Leiutenant *Caſsio*, good my Lord,

If I haue any grace or power to moue you,
His preſent reconſiliation take:
For if he be not one that truely loues you,
That erres in ignorance, and not in cunning,
I haue no iudgement in an honeſt face,
I preethee call him backe.
Oth. Went he hence now?
Deſd. Yes faith, ſo humbled,
That he has left part of his griefes with me,
I ſuffer with him; good loue call him backe.
Oth. Not now ſweete *Deſdemona* ſome other time.
Deſd. But ſhal't be ſhortly?
Oth. The ſooner ſweete for you.
Deſd. Shal't be to night at ſupper?
Oth. No, not to night.
Deſd. To morrow dinner then?
Oth. I ſhall not dine at home,
I meete the Captaines, at the Cittadell.
Deſd. Why then to morrow night, or Tueſday morne,
On Tueſday morne, or night, or Wenſday morne,
I preethee name the time, but let it not
Exceed three dayes: I faith hee's penitent,
And yet his treſpaſſe, in our common reaſon,
(Saue that they ſay, the warres muſt make examples,
Out of her beſt) is not almoſt a fault,
To incurre a priuate checke: when ſhall he come?
Tell me *Othello*: I wonder in my ſoule,
What you could aske me, that I ſhould deny?
Or ſtand ſo muttering on? What *Michael Caſsio*?
That came a wooing with you, and ſo many a time
When I haue ſpoke of you diſpraiſingly,
Hath tane your part, to haue ſo much to doe
To bring him in? Birlady I could doe much.
Oth. Preethee no more, let him come when he will,
I will deny thee nothing.
Deſd. Why this is not a boone,
Tis as I ſhould intreate you weare your gloues:

Or feede on nouriſhing diſhes, or keepe you warme,
Or ſue to you, to doe a peculiar profit
To your owne perſon: nay, when I haue a ſuite,
Wherein I meane to touch your loue indeed,
It ſhall be full of poiſe and difficulty,
And fearefull to be granted.

Oth. I will deny thee nothing,
Whereon I doe beſeech thee grant me this,
To leaue me but a little to my ſelfe.

Deſd. Shall I deny you? no, farewell my Lord.

Oth. Farewell my *Deſdemona*, I'le come to thee ſtraight.

Deſd. *Emillia*, come, be it as your fancies teach you,
What ere you be I am obedient. *Exit* Deſd. *and* Em.

Oth. Excellent wretch, perdition catch my ſoule,
But I doe loue thee, and when I loue thee not,
Chaos is come againe.

Iag. My noble Lord.

Oth. What doeſt thou ſay *Iago*?

Iag. Did *Michael Caſsio* when you wooed my Lady,
Know of your loue?

Oth. He did from firſt to laſt: -- Why doeſt thou aske?

Iag. But for a ſatisfaction of my thoughts.
No further harme.

Oth. Why of thy thought *Iago*?

Iag. I did not thinke he had beene acquainted with her.

Oth. O yes, and went betweene vs very often.

Iag. Indeed?

Oth. Indeed? Indeed, diſern'ſt thou ought in that?
Is he not honeſt?

Iag. Honeſt my Lord? *Oth.* Honeſt? I honeſt.

Iag. My Lord, for ought I know.

Oth. What doeſt thou thinke?

Iag. Thinke my Lord?

Oth. Thinke my Lord? By heauen he ecchoes me.
As if there were ſome monſter in his thought:
Too hideous to be ſhewne: thou didſt meane ſomething;
I heard thee ſay but now, thou lik'ſt not that,

When *Caſsio* left my wife: what didſt not like?
And when I told thee, he was of my counſell,
In my whole courſe of wooing, thou cridſt indeed?
And didſt contract, and purſe thy brow together,
As if thou then hadſt ſhut vp in thy braine,
Some horrible counſell: if thou doeſt loue me,
Shew me thy thought.

Iag. My Lord, you know I loue you.

Oth. I thinke thou doeſt,
And for I know, thou art full of loue and honeſty,
And weigheſt thy words, before thou giue em breath,
Therefore theſe ſtops of thine affright me the more:
For ſuch things in a falſe diſloyall knaue,
Are trickes of cuſtome; but in a man that's iuſt,
They are cloſe denotements, working from the heart,
That paſſion cannot rule.

Iag. For *Michael Caſsio*,
I dare preſume, I thinke that he is honeſt,

Oth. I thinke ſo to.

Iag. Men ſhould be that they ſeeme,
Or thoſe that be not, would they might ſeeme none.

Oth. Certaine, men ſhould be what they ſeeme.

Iag. Why then I thinke *Caſsio's* an honeſt man.

Oth. Nay yet there's more in this,
I preethee ſpeake to me to thy thinkings:
As thou doeſt ruminate, and giue the worſt of thought,
The worſt of word.

Iag. Good my Lord pardon me;
Though I am bound to euery act of duty,
I am not bound to that all ſlaues are free to,
Vtter my thoughts? Why, ſay they are vile and falſe:
As where's that pallace, whereinto foule things
Sometimes intrude not? who has a breaſt ſo pure,
But ſome vncleanely apprehenſions,
Keepe leetes and law-dayes, and in Seſſion ſit
With meditations lawfull?

Oth. Thou doeſt conſpire againſt thy friend *Iago*,

If thou but thinkeſt him wrongd, and makeſt his eare
A ſtranger to thy thoughts.
Iag. I doe beſeech you,
Though I perchance am vicious in my gheſſe,
As I confeſſe it is my natures plague,
To ſpy into abuſes, and oft my iealouſie
Shapes faults that are not, I intreate you then,
From one that ſo imperfectly coniects,
You'd take no notice, nor build your ſelfe a trouble,
Out of my ſcattering, and vnſure obſeruance;
It were not for your quiet, nor your good,
Nor for my manhood, honeſty, or wiſedome,
To let you know my thoughts,
Oth. Zouns.
Iag. Good name in man and woman's deere my Lord;
Is the immediate Iewell of our ſoules:
Who ſteales my purſe, ſteals traſh, tis ſomething, nothing,
Twas mine, tis his, and has bin ſlaue to thouſands:
But he that filches from me my good name,
Robs me of that, which not inriches him,
And makes me poore indeed.
Oth. By heauen I'le know thy thought.
Iag. You cannot; if my heart were in your hand,
Nor ſhall not, whilſt tis in my cuſtody:
O beware iealouſie.
It is the greene eyd mouſter, which doth mocke
That meate it feedes on. That Cuckold liues in bliſſe,
Who certaine of his fate, loues not his wronger:
But oh, what damned minutes tells he ore,
Who dotes, yet doubts, ſuſpects, yet ſtrongly loues.
Oth. O miſery.
Iag. Poore and content is rich, and rich enough,
But riches, fineleſſe, is as poore as winter,
To him that euer feares he ſhall be poore:
Good God, the ſoules of all my tribe defend
From iealouſie,
Oth. Why, why is this?

Thinkſt

Thinkſt thou I'de make a life of iealouſie?
To follow ſtill the changes of the Moone
With freſh ſuſpitions? No, to be once in doubt,
Is once to be reſolud: exchange me for a Goate,
When I ſhall turne the buſineſſe of my ſoule
To ſuch exufflicate, and blowne ſurmiſes,
Matching thy inference: tis not to make me iealous,
To ſay my wife is faire, feedes well, loues company,
Is free of ſpeech, ſings, playes, and dances well;
Where vertue is, theſe are more vertuous:
Nor from mine owne weake merrits will I draw
The ſmalleſt feare, or doubt of her reuolt,
For ſhe had eies, and choſe me: no *Iago*,
I'le ſee before I doubt, when I doubt, proue,
And on the proofe, there is no more but this:
Away at once with loue or iealouſie.
Iag. I am glad of it, for now I ſhall haue reaſon,
To ſhew the loue and duty that I beare you,
With franker ſpirit: therefore as I am bound
Receiue it from me: I ſpeake not yet of proofe,
Looke to your wife, obſerue her well with *Caſſio*;
Weare your eie thus, not iealous, nor ſecure,
I would not haue your free and noble nature,
Out of ſelfe-bounty be abus'd, looke to't:
I know our Country diſpoſition well,
In *Venice* they doe let God ſee the prankes
They dare ſhew their husbands: their beſt conſcience,
Is not to leaue vndone, but keepe vnknowne.
Oth. Doeſt thou ſay ſo.
Iag. She did deceiue her father marrying you;
And when ſhe ſeem'd to ſhake and feare your lookes,
She lou'd them moſt. *Oth.* And ſo ſhe did.
Iag. Why go too then,
She that ſo young, could giue out ſuch a ſeeming,
To ſeale her fathers eyes vp, cloſe as Oake,
He thought twas witchcraft: but I am much too blame,
I humbly doe beſeech you of your pardon,

For

For too much louing you.

Oth. I am bound to thee for euer.

Iag. I see this hath a little dasht your spirits.

Oth. Not a iot, not a iot.

Iag. Ifaith I feare it has.
I hope you will consider what is spoke,
Comes from my loue: But I doe see you are moou'd,
I am to pray you, not to straine my speech,
To grosser issues, nor to larger reach,
Then to suspition.

Oth. I will not.

Iag. Should you doe so my Lord,
My speech should fall into such vile successe,
As my thoughts aime not at: *Cassio's* my trusty friend:
My Lord, I see you are moou'd.

Oth. No, not much moou'd,
I doe not thinke but *Desdemona's* honest.

Iag. Long liue she so, and long liue you to thinke so.

Oth. And yet how nature erring from it selfe.

Iag. I, there's the point: as to be bold with you,
Not to affect many proposed matches,
Of her owne Clime, complexion, and degree,
Whereto we see in all things, nature tends;
Fie we may smell in such a will, most ranke
Foule disproportion: thoughts vnnaturall.
But pardon me: I doe not in position,
Distinctly speake of her, tho I may feare
Her will recoyling to her better iudgement,
May fall to match you with her countrey formes,
And happily repent.

Oth. Farewell, if more
Thou doest perceiue, let me know more, set on
Thy wife to obserue: leaue me *Iago.*

Iag. My Lord I take my leaue.

Oth. Why did I marry? This honest creature doubtlesse
Sees and knowes more, much more then he vnfoulds.
My Lord, I would I might intreate your honour,

Iag. To scan this thing no further, leaue it to time,
Tho it be fit, that *Cassio* haue his place,
For sure he fills it vp with great ability:
Yet if you please to hold him off awhile,
You shall by that perceiue him and his meanes;
Note if your Lady straine her entertainement,
With any strong or vehement importunity,
Much will be seene in that, in the meane time,
Let me be thought too busie in my feares,
As worthy cause I haue, to feare I am;
And hold her free, I doe beseech your honour.

Oth. Feare not my gouernement.

Iag. I once more take my leaue. *Exit*

Oth. This fellowe's of exceeding honesty,
And knowes all qualities, with a learned spirit
Of humaine dealing: if I doe prooue her haggard,
Tho that her Iesses were my deare heart strings,
I'de whistle her off, and let her downe the wind,
To prey at fortune. Happily, for I am blacke,
And haue not those soft parts of conuersation,
That Chamberers haue, or for I am declind
Into the vale of yeares; yet that's not much,
Shee's gone, I am abus'd, and my releife
Must be to loathe her: O curse of marriage,
That we can call these delicate creatures ours,
And not their appetites: I had rather be a Toade,
And liue vpon the vapor in a dungeon,
Then keepe a corner in a thing I loue,
For others vses: yet tis the plague of great ones,
Prerogatiu'd are they lesse then the base,
Tis destiny, vnshunnable, like death:
Euen then this forked plague is fated to vs,
When we doe quicken: *Desdemona* comes,
If she be false, O then heauen mocks it selfe,
I'le not beleeue it.

Enter Desdemona *and* Emillia.

Desd. How now my deare *Othello*?

Your dinner, and the generous Ilander
By you inuited, doe attend your presence,
Oth. I am to blame.
Des. Why is your speech so faint? are you not well?
Oth. I haue a paine vpon my forehead, here.
Des. Faith that's with watching, t'will away againe;
Let me but bind your head, within this houre
It will be well againe.
Oth. Your napkin is too little:
Let it alone, come I'le goe in with you.
Des. I am very sorry that you are not well.
Em. I am glad I haue found this napkin, *Ex.* Oth. *and*
This was her first remembrance from the Moore, Des.
My wayward husband, hath a hundred times
Wooed me to steale it, but she so loues the token,
For he coniur'd her, she should euer keepe it,
That she reserues it euer more about her,
To kisse, and talke to; I'le ha the worke taine out,
And giu't *Iago*: what hee'll doe with it,
Heauen knowes, not I, *Enter* Iago.
I nothing know, but for his fantasie.
Iag. How now, what doe you here alone?
Em. Doe not you chide, I haue a thing for you.
Iag. A thing for me, it is a common thing.
Em. Ha?
Iag. To haue a foolish thing.
Em. O, is that all? what will you giue me now,
For that same handkercher?
Iag. What handkercher?
Em. What handkercher?
Why that the Moore first gaue to *Desdemona*,
That which so often you did bid me steale.
Iag. Ha'st stole it from her?
Em. No faith, she let it drop by negligence,
And to the aduantage, I being here, took't vp:
Looke here it is.
Iag. A good wench, giue it me.

Em.

Em. What will you doe with it, that you haue bin
So earnest to haue me filch it?
Iag. Why, what's that to you?
Em. If it be not for some purpose of import,
Giue mee't againe, poore Lady, shee'll run mad,
When she shall lacke it.
Iag. Be not you knowne on't, I haue vse for it: -- go leaue me;
I will in *Cassio's* Lodging lose this napkin, *Exit* Em.
And let him finde it: trifles light as ayre,
Are to the iealous, confirmations strong
As proofes of holy writ, this may doe something,
Dangerous conceits are in their natures poisons,
Which at the first are scarce found to distast,
But with a little art, vpon the blood, *Ent.* Othello.
Burne like the mindes of sulphure: I did say so:
looke where he comes, not Poppy, nor Mandragora,
Nor all the drousie sirrops of the world,
Shall euer medicine thee to that sweete sleepe,
Which thou owedst yesterday.
Oth. Ha, ha, false to me, to me?
Iag. Why how now Generall? no more of that.
Oth. Auant, be gone, thou hast set me on the racke,
I sweare, tis better to be much abus'd,
Then but to know a little.
Iag. How now my Lord?
Oth. What sense had I of her stolne houres of lust:
I saw't not, thought it not, it harm'd not me,
I slept the next night well, was free, and merry;
I found not *Cassio's* kisses on her lips,
He that is rob'd, not wanting what is stolne,
Let him not know'r, and hee's not rob'd at all.
Iag. I am sorry to heare this.
Oth. I had bin happy if the generall Campe,
Pyoners, and all, had tasted her sweete body,
So I had nothing knowne: O now for euer
Farewell the tranquile mind, farewell content:
Farewell the plumed troope, and the big warres.

That makes ambition vertue: O farewell,
Farewell the neighing Steed, and the shrill Trumpe,
The spirit-stirring Drumme, the eare-peircing Fife;
The royall Banner, and all quality,
Pride, pompe, and circumstance of glorious warre.
And O ye mortall Engines, whose wide throates,
The immortall *Ioues* great clamor counterfeit;
Farewell, *Othello's* Occupation's gone.

Iag. Ist possible my Lord?

Oth. Villaine, be sure thou proue my Loue a whore,
Be sure of it, giue me the oculer proofe,
Or by the worth of mans eternall soule,
Thou hadst bin better haue beene borne a dog,
Then answer my wak'd wrath.

Iag. Ist come to this?

Oth. Make me to see't, or at the least so proue it,
That the probation, beare no hinge, nor loope,
To hang a doubt on: or woe vpon thy life.

Iag. My noble Lord.

Oth. If thou doest slander her, and torture me;
Neuer pray more, abandon all remorce.
On horrors head, horrors accumilate:
Do deeds, to make heauen weepe, all earth amaz'd,
For nothing canst thou to damnation ad greater then that.

Iag. O grace, O heauen defend me,
Are you a man, haue you a soule or sence?
God buy you, take mine office, -- O wretched foole,
That liuest to make thine honesty a vice,
O monstrous world, take note, take note, O world,
To be direct and honest, is not safe,
I thanke you for this profit, and from hence,
I'le loue no friend, since loue breedes such offence.

Oth. Nay stay, thou shouldst be honest.

Iag. I should be wise, for honestie's a foole,
And loses that it workes for:
I see sir, you are eaten vp with passion,
I doe repent me that I put it to you,

You

You would be satisfied.

Oth. Would, nay, I will.

Iag. And may, but how, how satisfied my Lord?
Would you, the supervisor grossely gape on,
Behold her topt?

Oth. Death and damnation -- oh.

Iag. It were a tedious difficulty I thinke,
To bring em to that prospect, dam em then,
If euer mortall eyes did see them boulster
More then their owne; what then, how then?
What shall I say? where's satisfaction?
It is impossible you should see this.
Were they as prime as Goates, as hot as Monkies,
As salt as Wolues, in pride; and fooles as grosse,
As ignorance made drunke: But yet I say,
If imputation and strong circumstances,
Which leade directly to the doore of truth,
Will giue you satisfaction, you may ha't.

Oth. Giue me a liuing reason, that shee's disloyall.

Iag. I doe not like the office,
But sith I am enter'd into this cause so farre,
Prickt to't by foolish honesty and loue,
I will goe on: I lay with *Cassio* lately,
And being troubled with a raging tooth, I could not sleep.
There are a kinde of men so loose of soule,
That in their sleepes will mutter their affaires,
One of this kinde is *Cassio*:
In sleepe I heard him say, Sweete *Desdemona*,
Let vs be merry, let vs hide our loues;
And then sir, would he gripe and wring my hand,
Cry out, sweete creature, and then kisse me hard,
As if he pluckt vp kisses by the rootes,
That grew vpon my lips, then layed his leg
Ouer my thigh, and sigh'd, and kissed, and then
Cried, cursed fate, that gaue thee to the Moore.

Oth. O Monstrous, monstrous.

Iag. Nay, this was but his dreame.

Oth. But this deuoted a fore-gone conclusion,
Iag. Tis a shrewd doubt, tho it be but a dreame,
And this may helpe to thicken other proofes,
That doe demonstrate thinly.
Oth. I'le teare her all to peeces.
Iag. Nay, but be wise, yet we see nothing done,
She may be honest yet, tell me but this,
Haue you not sometimes seene a handkercher,
Spotted with strawberries in your wiues hand.
Oth. I gaue her such a one, twas my first gift.
Iag. I know not that, but such a handkercher,
I am sure it was your wiues, did I to day
See *Cassio* wipe his beard with.
Oth. If it be that.
Iag. If it be that, or any, it was hers,
It speakes against her, with the other proofes.
Oth. O that the slaue had forty thousand liues,
One is too poore, too weake for my reuenge:
Now doe I see tis time, looke here *Iago*,
All my fond loue, thus doe I blow to heauen, - - tis gone.
Arise blacke vengeance, from thy hollow Cell,
Yeeld vp O loue thy crowne, and harted Throne,
To tirranous hate, swell bosome with thy fraught,
For tis of Aspecks tongues.
Iag. Pray be content. *he kneeles.*
Oth. O blood, *Iago*, blood.
Iag. Patience I say, your mind perhaps may change.
Oth. Neuer:
In the due reuerence of a sacred vow,
I here ingage my words.
Iag. Doe not rise yet:
Witnesse you euer-burning lights aboue,
You Elements that clip vs round about, Iago *kneeles.*
Witnesse that here, *Iago* doth giue vp
The excellency of his wit, hand, heart,
To wrong'd *Othello's* seruice: let him command,
And to obey, shall be remorce,

What

What bloody worke soeuer.
Oth. I greete thy loue:
Not with vaine thankes, but with acceptance bounteous,
And will vpon the instant put thee to't,
Within these three dayes, let me heare thee say,
That *Cassio's* not aliue,
Iag. My friend is dead:
Tis done as you request, but let her liue.
Oth. Dam her lewd minks: O dam her,
Come, goe with me apart, I will withdraw
To furnish me with some swift meanes of death,
For the faire diuell: now art thou my Leiutenant.
Iag. I am your owne for euer. *Exeunt.*

Enter Desdemonia Emilia *and the Clowne.*

Des. Do you know sirra, where the Leiutenant *Cassio* lies?
Clo. I dare not say he lies any where.
Des. Why man?
He is a Souldier, and for one to say a Souldier lies, is stabbing.
Des. Go to, where lodges he?
Clo. I know not where he lodges, and for me to deuise a lodging, and say he lies there, were to lie in my throate.
Desd. Can you inquire him out, and be edified by report?
Clo. I will cathechize the world for him, that is, make questions And by them answer.
Desd. Seeke him, bid him come hither, tell him I haue moued my Lord in his behalfe, and hope all will be well.
Clo. To doe this is within the compasse of a man, and therefore I'le attempt the doing of it. *Exit.*
Desd. Where should I loose that handkercher *Emilia*?
Em. I know not Madam.
Des. Beleeue me, I had rather loose my purse
Full of Crusadoes: and but my noble Moore
Is true of minde, and made of no such baseneſſe,
As iealous creatures are, it were enough,
To put him to ill thinking.
Em. Is he not iealous?

Desd. Who he? I thinke the Sun where he was borne,
Drew all such humors from him. *Enter* Othello.
Em. Looke where he comes.
Des. I will not leaue him now,
Let *Cassio* be cald to him: how is it with you my Lord?
Oth. Well my good Lady: O hardnesse to dissemble:
How doe you *Desdomona?*
Des. Well, my good Lord.
Oth. Giue me your hand, this hand is moist my Lady.
Des. It yet has felt no age, nor knowne no sorrow.
Oth. This argues fruitfulnesse and liberall heart,
Not hot and moist, this hand of yours requires
A sequester from liberty: fasting and praying,
Much castigation, exercise deuout;
For heere's a young and sweting diuell here,
That commonly rebels: tis a good hand,
A franke one.
Des. You may indeed say so,
For twas that hand that gaue away my heart.
Oth. A liberall hand, the hearts of old gaue hands,
But our new herraldry is hands, not hearts.
Des. I cannot speake of this, come, come, your promise.
Oth. What promise chucke?
Des. I haue sent to bid *Cassio* come speake with you.
Oth. I haue a salt and sullen rhume offends me,
Lend me thy handkercher,
Des. Here my Lord.
Oth. That which I gaue you.
Des. I haue it not about me.
Oth. Not.
Des. No faith my Lord.
Oth. Thats a fault: that handkercher
Did an *Egyptian* to my mother giue,
She was a charmer, and could almost reade
The thoughts of people; she told her while she kept it,
T'would make her amiable, and subdue my father
Intirely to her loue: But if she lost it,

Intirely to her loue: But if she lost it,
Or made a gift of it: my fathers eye
Should hold her lothely, and his spirits should hunt
After new fancies: she dying, gaue it me,
And bid me when my fate would haue me wiue,
To giue it her; I did so, and take heede on't,
Make it a darling, like your pretious eye,
To loose, or giue't away, were such perdition,
As nothing else could match.
Desd. I'ft possible?
Oth. Tis true, there's magicke in the web of it,
A Sybell that had numbred in the world,
The Sun to make two hundred compasses,
In her prophetique fury, sowed the worke;
The wormes were hallowed that did breed the silke,
And it was died in Mummy, with the skilfull
Conserues of maidens hearts.
Des. Ifaith i'ft true?
Oth. Most veritable, therefore looke to't well.
Des. Then would to God, that I had neuer seene it.
Oth. Ha, wherefore?
Des. Why doe you speake so startingly and rashly.
Oth. I'ft lost? i'ft gone? speake, is it out o'the way?
Des. Heauen blesse vs.
Oth. Say you?
Des. It is not lost, but what and if it were?
Oth. Ha.
Des. I say it is not lost.
Oth. Fetch't, let me see it,
Des. Why so I can sir, but I will not now,
This is a tricke, to put me from my suite,
I pray let *Cassio*, be receiu'd againe.
Oth. Fetch me that handkercher, my mind misgiues.
Des. Come, come, you'll neuer meete a more sufficient man.
Oth. The handkercher.
Des. I pray talke me of *Cassio*.
Oth. The handkercher.

Def. A man that all his time,
Hath founded his good fortunes on your loue,
Shar'd dangers with you.
Oth. The handkercher.
Def. Ifaith you are too blame.
Oth. Zouns. *Exit.*
Em. Is not this man iealous?
Def. I ne're ſaw this before:
Sure there's ſome wonder in this handkercher,
I am moſt vnhappy in the loſſe.
Enter Iago *and* Caſſio.
Em. Tis not a yeere or two ſhewes vs a man,
They are all but ſtomacks, and we all but foode;
They eate vs hungerly, and when they are full,
They belch vs; looke you, *Caſsio* and my husband.
Iag. There is no other way, tis ſhe muſt doe it,
And loe the happineſſe, goe, and importune her.
Def. How now good *Caſsio*, what's the news with you?
Caſ. Madam, my former ſuite: I doe beſeech you,
That by your vertuous meanes, I may againe
Exiſt, and be a member of his loue,
Whom I, with all the duty of my heart,
Intirely honour, I would not be delayed:
If my offence be of ſuch mortall kind,
That neither ſeruice paſt, nor preſent ſorrowes,
Nor purpos'd merrit, in futurity
Can ranſome me, into his loue againe
But to know ſo, muſt be my benefit,
So ſhall I cloth me in a forc'd content,
And ſhoote my ſelfe vp in ſome other courſe,
To fortunes almes.
Def. Alas thrice gentle *Caſsio*,
My aduocation is not now in tune;
My Lord is not my Lord, nor ſhould I know him,
Were he in fauour, as in humor alred.
So helpe me, euery ſpirit ſanctified,
As I haue ſpoken for you, all my beſt,

And ſtood within the blanke of his diſpleaſure,
For my free ſpeech: you muſt a while be patient,
What I can doe I will, and more I will
Then for my ſelfe I dare, let that ſuffice you.
Iag. Is my Lord angry?
Em. He went hence but now,
And certainely in ſtrange vnquietneſſe.
Iag. Can he be angry? I haue ſeene the Cannon,
When it hath blowne his rankes into the ayre;
And (like the Diuell) from his very arme,
Puft his owne brother, and can he be angry?
Something of moment then: I will goe meete him,
There's matter in't indeed, if he be angry.
Deſd. I preethee do ſo: ſomething ſure of State,
Either from *Venice*, or ſome vnhatcht practice,
Made demonſtrable here in *Cypres* to him,
Hath pudled his cleere ſpirit, and in ſuch cafes
Mens natures wrangle with inferior things,
Tho great ones are the obiect,
Tis euen ſo: for let our finger ake,
And it endues our other heathfull members,
Euen to that ſence of paine; nay, we muſt thinke,
Men are not go[illegible],
Nor of them looke for ſuch obſeruances
As fits the Bridall: beſhrew me much *Emilia*,
I was (vnhandſome, warrior as I am)
Arraigning his vnkindenſſe with my ſoule;
But now I finde, I had ſubborn'd the witneſſe,
And hee's indited falſly.
Em. Pray heauen it be State matters, as you thinke,
And no conception, nor no iealous toy
Concerning you.
Deſd. Alas the day, I neuer gaue him cauſe.
Em. But iealous ſoules will not be anſwered ſo,
They are nor euer iealous for the cauſe,
But iealous for they are iealous: tis a monſter,
Begot vpon it ſelfe, borne on it ſelfe.

Desd. Heauen keepe that monster from *Othello's* mind.
Emi. Lady, Amen.
Des. I will goe seeke him, *Cassio*, walke here about,
If I doe finde him fit, I'le moue your suite, *Exeunt* Desd.
And seeke to effect it to my vttermost. *and* Emillia.
Cas. I humbly thanke your Ladiship.
Bian. Saue you friend *Cassio*. *Enter* Bianca.
Cas. What make you from home?
How is it with you my most faire *Bianca*?
I faith sweete loue I was comming to your house.
Bian. And I was going to your Lodging *Cassio*;
What, keepe a weeke away? seuen daies and nights,
Eightscore eight houres, and louers absent houres,
More tedious then the diall, eightscore times,
No weary reckoning.
Cas. Pardon me *Bianca*,
I haue this while with laden thoughts bin prest,
But I shall in a more conuenient time,
Strike off this score of absence: sweete *Bianca*,
Take me this worke out.
Bian. Oh *Cassio*, whence came this?
This is some token from a newer friend,
To the felt absence, now I feele a cause,
Is come to this?
Cas. Go to woman,
Throw your vile ghesses in the diuells teeth,
From whence you haue them, you are iealous now,
That this is from some mistrisse, some remembrance,
No by my faith *Bianca*,
Bian. Why who's is it?
Cas. I know not sweete, I found it in my chamber,
I like the worke well, ere it be demanded,
As like enough it will, I'de haue it coppied,
Take it, and do't, and leaue me for this time.
Bian. Leaue you, wherefore?
Cas. I doe attend here on the Generall,
And thinke it no addition, nor my wish,

To haue him see me woman'd.
Bian. But that you doe not loue me:
I pray you bring me on the way a little,
And say, if I shall see you soone at night.
Cas. Tis but a little way, that I can bring you,
For I attend here, but I'le see you soone.
Bian. Tis very good, I must be circumstanc'd.
Exeunt.

Actus. 4.

Enter Iago *and* Othello.

Iag. Will you thinke so?
Oth. Thinke so *Iago*.
Iag. What, to kisse in priuate?
Oth. An vnauthoriz'd kisse.
Iag. Or to be naked with her friend abed,
An houre, or more, not meaning any harme.
Oth. Naked abed *Iago*, and not meane harme?
It is hypocrisie against the diuell:
They that meane vertuously, and yet doe so,
The diuell their vertue tempts, and they tempt heauen.
Iag. So they doe nothing, tis a veniall slip;
But if I giue my wife a handkercher.
Oth. What then?
Iag. Why then tis hers my Lord, and being hers,
She may, I thinke, bestow't on any man.
Oth. She is protectres of her honour to,
May she giue that?
Iag. Her honour is an effence that's not seene,
They haue it very oft, that haue it not:
But for the handkercher.
Oth. By heauen, I would most gladly haue forgot it:
Thou saidst (O it comes o're my memory,
As doth the Rauen o're the infected house,

Boding to all.) He had my hankercher.
Iag. I,what of that?
Oth. That's not ſo good now.
Iag. What if I had ſaid I had ſeene him do you wrong?
Or heard him ſay (as knaues be ſuch abroad)
Who hauing by their owne importunate ſuite,
Or by the voluntaty dotage of ſome miſtris,
Conuinced,or ſupplied them,cannot chuſe,
But they muſt blab.
Oth. Hath he ſaid any thing?
Iag. He hath my Lord,but be you well aſſur'd,
No more then hee'l vnſweare.
Oth. What hath he ſayd?
Iag. Faith that he did--I know not what he did.
Oth. But what? *Iag.* Lye.
Oth. With her?
Iag. With her,on her,what you will.
Oth. Lie with her,lie on her? We ſay lie on her,when they bely her; lye with her, Zouns, that's fulſome,handkerchers,Confeſſion, hankerchers. *He falls downe.*
Iag. Worke on my medicine, worke: thus credulous fooles are caught,and many worthy and chaſte dames, euenthus all guiltleſſe, meete reproach; What ho my Lord,my Lord I ſay,*Othello*,--how now *Caſsio*. *Enter* Caſſio.
Caſ. What's the matter?
Iag. My Lord is falne into an Epilepſy,
This is his ſecond fit,he had one yeſterday.
Caſ. Rub him about the Temples.
Iag. No,forbeare,
The Lethergie,muſt haue his quiet courſe,
If not he foames at mouth,and by and by
Breakes out to ſauage madneſſe: looke he ſtirres:
Doe you withdraw your ſelfe a little while,
He will recouer ſtraight,when he is gone,
I would on great occaſion ſpeake with you.
How is it Generall,haue you not hurt your head?
Oth. Doeſt thou mocke me?

Iag.

Iag. I mocke you? no by Heauen,
Would you would beare your fortunes like a man.
Oth. A horned man's a monſter,and a beaſt.
Iag. There's many a beaſt then in a populous City,
And many a ciuill monſter.
Oth. Did he confeſſe?
Iag. Good ſir be a man,
Thinke euery bearded fellow,that's but yoak'd,
May draw with you,there's millions now aliue,
That nightly lyes in thoſe vnproper beds,
Which they dare ſweare peculiar: your caſe is better:
O tis the ſpite of hell,the fiends arch mocke,
To lip a wanton in a ſecure Coach,
And to ſuppoſe her chaſte: No,let me know,
And knowing what I am,I know what ſhe ſhall be.
Oth. O thou art wiſe,tis certaine.
Iag. Stand you awhile apart,
Confine your ſelfe but in a patient liſt:
Whilſt you were here ere while, mad with your griefe,
A paſſion moſt vnfuting ſuch a man,
Caſsio came hither,I ſhifted him away,
And layed good ſcuſe,vpon your extacy,
Bid him anon retire,and here ſpeake with me,
The which he promiſde: but incaue your ſolfe,
And marke the Ieeres,the libes,and notable ſcornes,
That dwell in euery region of his face;
For I will make him tell the tale anew,
Where,how,how oft,how long agoe,and when,
He has,and is againe to cope your wife:
I ſay,but marke his geſture,mary patience,
Or I ſhall ſay,you are all in all,in ſpleene,
And nothing of a man.
Oth. Doeſt thou heare *Iago*,
I will be found moſt cunning in my patience;
But doeſt thou heare,moſt bloody.
Iag. That's not amiſſe:
But yet keepe time in all; will you withdraw?

Now will I queſtion *Caſsio* of *Bianca*;
A huſwife that by ſelling her deſires,
Buys her ſelfe bread and cloathes: it is a Creature,
That dotes on *Caſsio*: as tis the ſtrumpets plague
To beguile many, and be beguild by one, *Ent.* Caſſio.
He, when he heares of her, cannot refraine
From the exceſſe of laughter: here he comes:
As he ſhall ſmile, *Othello* ſhall goe mad,
And his vnbookiſh iealouſie muſt conſter
Poore *Caſsio's* ſmiles, geſtures, and light behauiour,
Quite in the wrong: How doe you now Leiutenant?

Caſ. The worſer, that you giue me the addition,
Whoſe want euen kills me.

Iag. Ply *Deſdemona* well, and you are ſure on't.
Now if this ſuite lay in *Bianca's* power,
How quickly ſhould you ſpeed.

Caſ. Alas poore Catiue.

Oth. Looke how he laughes already.

Iag. I neuer knew a woman loue man ſo.

Caſ. Alas poore rogue, I thinke ifaith ſhe loues me.

Oth. Now he denyes it faintly, and laughes it out.

Iag. Doe you heare *Caſsio*?

Oth. Now he importunes him to tell it on,
Goe to, well ſaid.

Iag. She giues it out that you ſhall marry her,
Doe you intend it?

Caſ. Ha, ha, ha.

Oth. Doe you triumph Roman, doe you triumph?

Caſ. I marry her? I prethee beare ſome charity to my wit,
Doe not thinke it ſo vnwholeſome: ha, ha, ha.

Oth. So, ſo, ſo, ſo, laugh that wins.

Iag. Faith the cry goes, you ſhall marry her.

Caſ. Prethee ſay true.

Iag. I am a very villaine elſe,

Oth. Ha you ſtor'd me well.

Caſ. This is the monkies own giuing out; ſhe is perſwaded I will marry her, out of her owne loue and flattery, not out of my promiſe.

Oth.

Oth. *Iago* beckons me, now he begins the ſtory.

Caſ. She was heere euen now, ſhee haunts me in euery place, I was tother day, talking on the ſea banke, with certaine *Venetians*, and thither comes this bauble, by this hand ſhe fals thus about my neck.

Oth. Crying, O deare *Caſsio*, as it were: his ieſture imports it.

Caſ. So hangs, and lolls, and weepes vpon me; ſo hales, and puls me, ha, ha, ha.

Oth. Now he tells how ſhe pluckt him to my Chamber,
I ſee that noſe of yours, but not that dog I ſhall throw't to.

Caſ. Well, I muſt leaue her company. *Enter* Bianca.

Iag. Before me, looke where ſhe comes,
Tis ſuch another ficho; marry a perfum'd one, what doe you meane by this haunting of me.

Bian. Let the diuel and his dam haunt you, what did you meane by that ſame handkercher, you gaue mee euen now? I was a fine foole to take it; I muſt take out the whole worke, a likely peece of worke, that you ſhould find it in your chamber, and not know who left it there: this is ſome minxes token, and I muſt take out the worke; there, giue it the hobby horſe, whereſoeuer you had it, Ile take out no worke on't.

Caſ. How now my ſweete *Bianca*, how now, how now?

Oth. By heauen that ſhould be my handkercher.

Bian. An you'll come to ſupper to night, you may, an you will not, come when you are next prepar'd for. *Exit.*

Iag. After her, after her.

Caſ. Faith I muſt, ſhee'll raile i'the ſtreete elſe.

Iag. Will you ſup there?

Caſ. Faith I intend ſo.

Iag. Well, I may chance to ſee you, for I would very faine ſpeake with you.

Caſ. Prethee come, will you?

Iag. Goe to, ſay no more. *Exit* Caſſio.

Oth. How ſhall I murder him *Iago?*

Iag. Did you perceiue, how he laughed at his vice?

Oth. O *Iago*,

Iag. And did you ſee the handkercher?

Oth. Was that mine?

Oth. I would haue him nine yeares a killing; a fine woman, a faire woman, a ſweete woman.

Iag. Nay you muſt forget.

Oth. And let her rot and periſh, and be damb'd to night, for ſhe ſhall not liue: no, my heart is turn'd to ſtone; I ſtrike it, and it hurts my hand: O the world has not a ſweeter creature, ſhe might lie by an Emperours ſide, and command him taskes.

Iag. Nay that's not your way.

Oth. Hang her, I doe but ſay what ſhe is: So delicate with her needle, an admirable muſition, O ſhee will ſing the ſauageneſſe out of a Beare; of ſo hye and plentious wit and inuention.

Iag. Shee's the worſe for all this.

Oth. A thouſand thouſand times: and then of ſo gentle a condition.

Iag. I, too gentle.

Oth. I that's certaine, but yet the pitty of it *Iago*, the pitty.

Ia. If you be ſo fond ouer her iniquity, giue her patent to offend, for if it touches not you, it comes neere no body.

Oth. I will chop her into meſſes --- cuckold me!

Iag. O tis foule in her.

Oth. With mine Officer.

Iag. That's fouler.

Oth. Get me ſome poiſon *Iago*, this night I'le not expoſtulate with her, leſt her body and beauty vnprouide my minde agen, this night *Iago*.

Iag. Doe it not with poiſon, ſtrangle her in her bed, euen the bed ſhe hath contaminated.

Oth. Good, good, the iuſtice of it pleaſes very good.

Iag. And for *Caſsio*, let me bee his vndertaker: you ſhall heare more by midnight. *A Trumpet.*

Enter Lodouico, Deſdemona, *and Attendants.*

Oth. Excellent good:
What Trumpet is that ſame?

Iag. Something from *Venice* ſure, tis *Lodouico*,
Come from the Duke, and ſee your wife is with him.

Lod.

Lod. God ſaue the worthy Generall.

Oth. With all my heart ſir.

Lod. The Duke and Senators of *Venice* greete you.

Oth. I kiſſe the inſtrument of their pleaſures.

Deſ. And what's the newes good couſen *Lodouico*?

Iag. I am very glad to ſee you Seignior: -- welcome to *Cypres*.

Lod. I thanke you, how does Leiutenant *Caſsio*?

Iag. Liues ſir.

Deſ. Couſen, there's falne betweene him and my Lord,
An vnkind breach, but you ſhall make all well.

Oth. Are you ſure of that?

Deſ. My Lord.

Oth. This faile you not to doe, as you will. --

Lod. He did not call, hee's buſie in the paper:
Is there diuiſion betweene thy Lord and *Caſsio*?

Deſ. A moſt vnhappy one, I would doe much
To attone them, for the loue I beare to *Caſsio*.

Oth. Fire and Brimſtone.

Deſ. My Lord.

Oth. Are you wiſe?

Deſd. What, is he angry?

Lod. May be the letter mou'd him;
For as I thinke, they doe command him home,
Deputing *Caſsio* in his gouernement.

Deſd. By my troth, I am glad on't.

Oth. Indeed.

Deſ. My Lord.

Oth. I am glad to ſee you mad.

Deſ. How ſweete *Othello*?

Oth. Diuell.

Deſ. I haue not deſeru'd this:

Lod. My Lord, this would not be beleeu'd in *Venice*,
Tho I ſhould ſweare I ſaw't: tis very much,
Make her amends, ſhe weepes.

Oth. O Diuell, Diuell,
If that the earth could teeme with womens teares
Each drop ſhe falls, would proue a Crocadile:

Out of my ſight.
Def. I will not ſtay to offend you.
Lod. Truely an obedient Lady:
I doe beſeech your Lordſhip, call her backe.
Oth. Miſtriſſe.
Def My Lord.
Oth. What would you with her ſir?
Lod. Who, I my Lord?
Oth. I, you did wiſh that I would make her turne:
Sir ſhe can turne, and turne, and yet go on,
And turne againe, and ſhe can weepe ſir, weepe;
And ſhee's obedient, as you ſay, obedient;
Very obedient, proceed you in your teares,
Concerning this ſir: O well painted paſſion:
I am commanded here: -- get you away,
I'le ſend for you anon: --Sir, I obey the mandat,
And will returne to *Venice*: --- hence, auant,
Caſsio ſhall haue my place; and ſir to night
I doe intreate that we may ſup together,
You are welcome ſir to *Cypres*, -- goates and monkies. *Exit.*
Lod. Is this the noble Moore, whom our full Senate
Call all in all ſufficient? This the noble nature,
Whom paſſion could not ſhake? Whoſe ſolid vertue,
The ſhot of accident, nor dart of chance
Could neither graze, nor peirce?
Iag. He is much changed.
Lod. Are his wits ſafe? is he not light of braine?
Iag. He's that he is, I may not breathe my cenſure,
What he might be, if as he might, he is not,
I would to heauen he were.
Lod. What, ſtrike his wife.
Iag. Faith that was not ſo wel'; yet would I knew
That ſtroake would proue the worſt.
Lod. Is it his vſe?
Or did the letters worke vpon his blood.
And new create this fault?
Iag. Alas, alas.

It is not honeſty in me to ſpeake,
What I haue ſeene and knowne, you ſhall obſerue him,
And his owne courſes wi'l denote him ſo,
That I may ſaue my ſpeech: doe but goe after,
And marke how he continues.
Lod. I am ſorry that I am deceiu'd in him.
Exeunt.

Enter Othello *and* Emillia.
Oth. You haue ſeene nothing then.
Em. Nor euer heard, nor euer did ſuſpect.
Oth. Yes, and you haue ſeene *Caſsio* and ſhe together.
Em. But then I ſaw no harme, and then I heard
Each ſillable that breath made vp betweene 'em.
Oth. What, did they neuer whiſper?
Em. Neuer, my Lord.
Oth. Nor ſend you out o'the way?
Em. Neuer.
Oth. To fetch her fan, her maſk, her gloues, nor nothing?
Em. Neuer, my Lord.
Oth. That's ſtrange.
Em. I durſt my Lord, to wager ſhe is honeſt,
Lay downe my ſoule at ſtake: if you thinke other,
Remoue your thought, it doth abuſe your boſome,
If any wretch ha put this in your head,
Let heauens requite it with the Serpents curſe,
For if ſhe be not honeſt, chaſte, and true,
There's no man happy, the pureſt of her Sex
Is foule as ſlander. *Exit* Emillia.
Oth. Bid her come hither, goe,
She ſayes enough, yet ſhe's a ſimple bawde,
That cannot ſay as much: this is a ſubtle whore,
A cloſet, locke and key, of villainous ſecrets,
And yet ſhee'll kneele and pray, I ha ſeene her do't.
Enter Deſdemona *and* Emillia.
Def. My Lord, what is your will?
Oth. Pray chucke come hither.
Def. What is your pleaſure?

Oth. Let me see your eyes--looke in my face.
Des. What horrible fancy's this?
Oth. Some of your function mistrisse,
Leaue procreants alone, and shut the dore,
Coffe, or cry hem, if any body come,
Your mistery, your mistery: nay dispatch. *Exit* Em.
Des. Vpon my knees, what does your speech import?
I vnderstand a fury in your words,
But not the words.
Oth. Why, what art thou?
Des. Your wife my Lord, your true and loyall wife.
Oth. Come, sweare it, dam thy selfe,
Least being like one of heauen, the diuells themselues
Should feare to cease thee, therefore be double damb'd,
Sweare thou art honest.
Des. Heauen doth truely know it.
Oth. Heauen truely knowes, that thou art false as hell.
Des. To whom, my Lord, with whom? how am I false?
Oth. O *Desdemona*, away, away, away.
Des. Alas the heauy day, why do you weepe?
Am I the occasion of those teares my Lord?
If haply you my father doe suspect,
An Instrument of this your calling backe,
Lay not your blame on me; if you haue left him,
Why I haue left him too.
Oth. Had it pleas'd heauen
To try me with affliction, had he ram'd
All kindes of sores, and shames on my bare head,
Steep'd me in pouerty, to the very lips,
Giuen to captiuity, me and my hopes,
I should haue found in some part of my soule
A drop of patience; but alas, to make me
A fixed figure, for the time of scorne,
To point his slow vnmouing fingers at--oh, oh,
Yet could I beare that too, well, very well.
But there: where I haue garner'd vp my heart,
Where either I must liue, or beare no life,

The fountaine, from the which my currant runnes,
Or else dryes vp, to be discarded thence,
Or keepe it as a Cesterne, for foule Toades
To knot and gender in: turne thy complexion there,
Patience thy young and rose-lip'd Cherubin,
I here looke grim as Hell.
Des. I hope my noble Lord esteemes me honest.
Oth. O I, as summers flies, are in the shambles,
That quicken euen with blowing:
O thou blacke weede, why art so louely faire?
Thou smell'st so sweete, that the sence akes at thee,
Would thou hadst ne're bin borne.
Des. Alas, what ignorant sinne haue I committed?
Oth. Was this faire paper, this most goodly booke,
Made to write whore on? --- What, committed?
Heauen stops the nose at it, and the Moone winkes,
The bawdy wind, that kisses all it meetes,
Is hush't within the hallow mine of earth,
And will not hear't: --what committed,-impudent strumpet.
Des. By heauen you doe me wrong.
Oth. Are not you a strumpet?
Des. No, as I am a Christian:
If to preserue this vessell for my Lord,
From any hated foule vnlawfull touch,
Be not to be a strumpet, I am none.
Oth. What, not a whore?
Des. No, as I shall be saued. *Enter* Emillia.
Oth. Is't possible?
Des. O heauen forgiue vs.
Oth. I cry you mercy,
I tooke you for that cunning whore of *Venice*,
That married with *Othello*: you mistrisse,
That haue the office opposite to S. *Peter*,
And keepes the gates in hell, I, you, you, you;
We ha done our course; there's money for your paines,
I pray you turne the key, and keepe our counsell. *Exit.*
Em. Alas, what does this Gentleman conceiue?

How doe you Madam, how doe you my good Lady?

Def. Faith halfe asleepe.

Em. Good Madam, what's the matter with my Lord?

Def. With who?

Em. Why with my Lord Madam.

Def. I ha none, doe not talke to me *Emillia*,
I cannot weepe, nor answer haue I none,
But what should goe by water: prethee to night
Lay on my bed our wedding sheetes, remember,
And call thy husband hither.

Em. Here is a change indeed. *Exit.*

Def. 'Tis meete I should be vsde so, very well;
How haue I bin behau'd, that he might sticke
The smallest opinion, on my greatest abuse.

Iag. What is your pleasure Madam, *Enter* Iago. *and* Emillia.
How ist with you?

Def. I cannot tell: those that doe teach young babes
Doe it with gentle meanes, and easie taskes,
He might ha chid me so, for in good faith,
I am a child at chiding.

Iag. What is the matter Lady?

Em. Alas *Iago*, my Lord hath so bewhor'd her,
Throwne such despite, and heauy termes vpon her,
As true hearts cannot beare.

Def. Am I that name *Iago*?

Iag. What name faire Lady?

Def. Such as she sayes my Lord did say I was?

Em. He call'd her whore: A begger in his drinke,
Could not haue layed such tearmes vpon his Callet.

Iag. Why did he so?

Def. I doe not know, I am sure I am none such.

Iag. Doe not weepe, doe not weepe: alas the day.

Em. Has she forsooke so many noble matches,
Her Father, and her Countrey, all her friends,
To be cald whore? would it not make one weepe?

Def. It is my wretched fortune.

Iag. Beshrew him for it; how comes this tricke vpon him?

Desd.

Def. Nay, heauen doth know.

Em. I will be hang'd, if some eternall villaine,
Some busie and insinuating rogue,
Some cogging, cousening slaue, to get some office,
Haue not deuisde this slander, I'le be hang'd else.

Iag. Fie, there is no such man, it is impossible.

Def. If any such there be, heauen pardon him.

Em. A halter pardon him, and hell gnaw his bones:
Why should he call her whore? who keepes her company?
What place, what time, what for me, what likelihood?
The Moore's abus'd by some outragious knaue:
Some base notorious knaue, some scuruy fellow,
O heauen, that such companions thoudst vnfold,
And put in euery honest hand a whip,
To lash the rascall naked through the world,
Euen from the East to the West.

Iag. Speake within dores.

Em. O fie vpon him; some such squire he was,
That turnd your wit, the seamy side without,
And made you to suspect me with the Moore.

Iag. You are a foole, goe to.

Def. O Good *Iago*,
VVhat shall I doe to win my Lord againe?
Good friend goe to him, for by this light of heauen,
I know not how I lost him.

Iag. I pray you be content, 'tis but his humour,
The businesse of the State does him offence,
And he does chide with you.

Def. If t'were no other.

Iag. 'Tis but so, I warrant you;
Harke how these Instruments summon you to supper,
And the great Messengers of *Venice* stay,
Goe in, and weepe not, all things shall be well. *Exit women.*
How now *Roderigo*? *Enter* Roderigo.

Rod. I doe not finde that thou dealst iustly with me.

Iag. VVhat in the contrary?

Rod. Euery day, thou doffst me, with some deuise *Iago*;

And rather, as it ſeemes to me, thou keepeſt from me,
All conueniency, then ſupplieſt me, with the leaſt
Aduantage of hope: I will indeed no longer indure it,
Nor am I yet perſwaded to put vp in peace, what already
I haue fooliſhly ſufferd.

Iag. Will you heare me *Roderigo*?

Rod. Faith I haue heard too much, for your words,
And performance are no kin together.

Iag. You charge me moſt vniuſtly.

Rod. I haue waſted my ſelfe out of meanes: the Iewels you haue had from me, to deliuer to *Deſdemona*, would halfe haue corrupted a Votariſt: you haue told me ſhe has receiu'd em, and return'd mee expectation, and comforts, of ſuddaine reſpect, and acquittance, but I finde none.

Iag. Well, goe to, very good.

Rod. Very well, goe to, I cannot goe to man, it is not very well, by this hand, I ſay tis very ſcuruy, and begin to finde my ſelfe fopt in it.

Iag. Very well.

Rod. I ſay it is not very well: I will make my ſelfe knowne to *Deſdemona*, if ſhe will returne me my Iewels, I will giue ouer my ſuite, and repent my vnlawfull ſollicitation, if not, aſſure your ſelfe Ile ſeeke ſatisfaction of you.

Iag. You haue ſaid now.

Rod. I, and I haue ſaid nothing, but what I proteſt entendment of doing.

Iag. Why now I ſee there's mettle in thee, and euen from this time doe build on thee, a better opinion then euer before, giue me thy hand *Roderigo*: Thou haſt taken againſt me a moſt iuſt conception, but yet I proteſt, I haue delt moſt directly in thy affaires.

Rod. It hath not appeared.

Iag. I grant indeed it hath not appear'd, and your ſuſpition is not without wit and iudgement: But *Roderigo*, if thou haſt that within thee indeed, which I haue greater reaſon to beleeue now, then euer, I meane purpoſe, courage, and valour, this night ſhew it, if thou the next night following enioyeſt not *Deſdemona*, take mee from this world with treachery, and deuiſe engines for my life.

Rod.

Rod. Well, is it within reaſon and compaſſe?

Iag. Sir, there is eſpeciall command come from *Venice*,
To depute *Caſsio* in *Othello's* place.

Rod. Is that true? why then *Othello* and *Deſdemona*
Returne againe to *Venice*.

Iag. O no, he goes into *Mauritania*, and takes away with him
The faire *Deſdemona*, vnleſſe his abode be linger'd
Here by ſome accident, wherein none can be ſo
determinate, as the remouing of *Caſsio*.

Rod. How doe you meane remouing of him?

Iag. Why, by making him vncapable of *Othello's* place,
Knocking out his braines.

Rod. And that you would haue me to doe.

Iag. I, and if you dare doe your ſelfe a profit, and right, hee ſups to night with a harlot, and thither will I goe to him; --- he knowes not yet of his honourable fortune: if you will watch his going thence, which I will faſhion to fall out betweene twelue and one, you may take him at your pleaſure: I will be neere to ſecond your attempt, and hee ſhall fall betweene vs: come, ſtand not amaz'd at it, but goe along with mee, I will ſhew you ſuch a neceſſity in his death, that you ſhall thinke your ſelfe bound to put it on him. It is now high ſupper time, and the night growes to waſt: about it.

Enter *Othello*, *Deſdemona*, *Lodouico*, *Emilia*,
and Attendants.

Rod. I will heare further reaſon for this.

Iag. And you ſhall be ſatisfied. *Ex.* Iag. *and* Rod.

Lod. I do beſeech you ſir, trouble your ſelfe no further.

Oth. O pardon me, it ſhall doe me good to walke.

Lod. Madame, good night, I humbly thanke your Ladiſhip.

Deſ. Your honour is moſt welcome.

Oth. Will you walke ſir: --- O *Deſdemona*.

Deſ. My Lord.

Oth. Get you to bed, o'the inſtant I will be return'd, forthwith, diſpatch your Attendant there, --- looke it be done. *Exeunt.*

Deſ. I will my Lord.

Em. How goes it now? he lookes gentler then he did.

Def. He saies he will returne incontinent:
He hath commanded me to goe to bed,
And bad me to dismisse you.
Em. Dismisse me?
Def. It was his bidding, therefore good *Emillia*,
Giue me my nightly wearing, and adiue,
We must not now displease him.
Em. I would you had neuer seene him.
Def. So would not I, my loue doth so approue him,
That euen his stubbornenesse, his checks and frownes.
Prethee vnpin me; haue grace and fauour in them.
Em. I haue laid these sheetes you bade me, on the bed.
Def. All's one good faith: how foolish are our minds?
If I doe die before thee, prethee shrowd me
In one of those same sheetes.
Em. Come, come, you talke.
Def. My mother had a maid cald *Barbary*,
She was in loue, and he she lou'd, prou'd mad,
And did forsake her, she has a song of willow,
An old thing 'twas, but it expreft her fortune,
And she died singing it, that Song to night,
Will not goe from my mind -- harke, who's that knocks?
Em. It is the wind.
Def. Now get thee gone, good night:
Mine eyes doe itch, does that bode weeping?
Em. Tis neither here nor there.
Def. Wouldst thou doe such a deed, for all the world?
Em. Why would not you.
Def. No, by this heauenly light.
Em. Nor I neither, by this heauenly light,
I might doe it as well in the darke.
Def. Would thou doe such a thing for all the world?
Em. The world is a huge thing, it is a great price,
For a small vice.
Def. Good troth I thinke thou wouldst not.
Em. By my troth I thinke I should, and vndo't when I had done it, mary I would not doe such a thing for a ioynt ring; or for measures

sures of Lawne, nor for Gownes, or Petticotes, nor Caps, nor any such exhibition; but for the whole world? vds pitty, who would not make her husband a Cuckole, to make him a Monarch? I should venture purgatory for it.
Def. Beshrew me, if I would doe such a wrong,
For the whole world.
Em. Why, the wrong is but a wrong i'the world; and hauing the world for your labour, tis a wrong in your owne world, and you might quickly make it right.
Def. I doe not thinke there is any such woman.
Em. Yes, a dozen, and as many to the vantage, as would store the world they played for.
Def. Good night, good night: God me such vsage send,
Not to picke bad from bad, but by bad mend.
Exeunt.

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Enter Iago *and* Roderigo,
Iag. Here stand behind this Bulke, straite will he come,
Weare thy good Rapier bare, and put it home,
Quicke, quicke, feare nothing, I'le be at thy elboe;
It makes vs or it marres vs, thinke of that,
And fixe most firme thy resolution.
Rod. Be neere at hand, I may miscarry in't.
Iag. Here at thy hand, be bold, and take thy sword.
Rod. I haue no great deuotion to the dead;
And yet he has giuen me satisfying reasons,
Tis but a man gone: forth my sword, he dies.
Iag. I haue rubd this young gnat almost to the sense,
And he growes angry now: whether he kill *Cassio*,
Or *Cassio* him, or each doe kill the other,
Euery way makes my game; liue *Roderigo*,
He calls me to a restitution large,
For Gold and Iewells, that I bobd from him,
As gifts to *Desdemona*:
It must not be, if *Cassio* doe remaine,

He has a daily beauty in his life,
That makes me vgly: and beſides, the Moore
May vnfould me to him; there ſtand I in perrill:
No, he muſt die, be't ſo, I heare him comming. *Ent.* Caſ.

Rod. I know his gate, tis he, villaine thou dieſt.

Caſ. That thruſt had bin my enemy indeed,
But that my coate is better then thou think'ſt,
I will make proofe of thine.

Rod. O I am ſlaine.

Caſ. I am maind for euer, light ho, murder, murder.

Enter Othello.

Oth. The voice of *Caſsio*, *Iago* keepes his word.

Rod. O villaine that I am.

Oth. Harke tis euen ſo.

Caſ. O helpe ho, light, a Surgeon.

Oth. Tis he, O braue *Iago*, honeſt and Iuſt,
That haſt ſuch noble ſence of thy friends wrong,
Thou teacheſt me; --minion, your deare lies dead,
And your fate hies apace; ſtrumpet I come;
Forth of my heart, thoſe charmes thine eyes are blotted,
Thy bed luſt-ſtaind, ſhall with luſts blood be ſpotted. *Ex.*

Enter Lodouico *and* Gratiano.

Caſ. What ho, no watch, no paſſage, murder, murder

Grat. Tis ſome miſchance, the cry is very direfull.

Caſ. O helpe. *Lod.* Harke.

Rod. O wretched villaine.

Lod. Two or three grones, it is a heauy night,
Theſe may be counterfeits, let's think't vnſafe
To come into the cry without more helpe.

Rod. No body come, then ſhall I bleed to death.

Enter Iago *with a light.*

Lod. Harke.

Grat. Here's one comes in his ſhirt, with lights and weapons,

Iag. Who's there? whoſe noiſe is this, that cries on murder.

Lod. I doe not know.

Iag. Did not you heare a cry?

Caſ. Here, here, for heauens ſake helpe me.

Iag.

Iag. What's the matter.

Grat. This is *Othello's* Ancient, as I take it.

Lod. The ſame indeed, a very valiant fellow.

Iag. What are you here, that cry ſo greeuouſly?

Caſ. *Iago*, O I am ſpoil'd, vndone by villaines,
Giue me ſome helpe.

Iag. O my Leiutenant: what villaines haue done this?

Caſ. I thinke the one of them is heere about,
And cannot make away.

Iag. O treacherous villaines:
What are you there? come in and giue ſome helpe.

Rod. O, helpe me here.

Caſ. That's one of em.

Iag. O murderous ſlaue, O villaine.

Rod. O dambd *Iago*, O inhumaine dog, -- o, o, o.

Ia. Kill him i'the dark? where be thoſe bloody theeues?
How ſilent is this Towne? Ho, murder, murder:
What may you be, are you of good or euill?

Lod. As you ſhall proue vs, praiſe vs.

Iag. Seignior *Lodouico*.

Lod. He ſir.

Iag. I cry you mercy: here's *Caſsio* hurt by villaines.

Grat. *Caſsio*.

Iag. How is it brother?

Caſ. My leg is cut in two.

Iag. Mary heauen forbid:
Light Gentlemen, I'le bind it with my ſhirt.

Enter Bianca.

Bian. What is the matter ho, who iſt that cried?

Iag. Who iſt that cried.

Bian. O my deare *Caſsio*, O my ſweete *Caſsio*, *Caſsio*, *Caſsio*.

Iag. O notable ſtrumpet: *Caſsio* may you ſuſpect
Who they ſhould be, that thus haue mangled you?

Caſ. No.

Gra. I am ſorry to find you thus, I haue bin to ſeeke you.

Bian. Alas he faints, O *Caſsio*, *Caſsio*, *Caſsio*.

Iag. Gentlemen all, I doe ſuſpect this traſh

To beare a part in this: patience a while good *Cassio*:
Lend me a light; know we this face, or no?
Alas my friend, and my deare countrey man:
Roderigo? no, yes sure: O heauen *Roderigo*.
Gra. What of *Venice*?
Iag. Euen he sir, did you know him?
Gra. Know him? I.
Iag. Seignior *Gratiano*, I cry you gentle pardon:
These bloody accidents must excuse my manners,
That so neglected you.
Gra. I am glad to see you.
Iag. How doe you *Cassio*? O a chaire, a chaire.
Gra. *Roderigo*.
Iag. He, tis he: O that's well said, a chaire:
Some good man beare him carefully from hence,
I'le fetch the Generalls Surgeon: for you mistrisse,
Saue you your labour, he that lies slaine here *Cassio*,
Was my deare friend, what malice was betwixt you?
Cas. None in the world, nor doe I know the man.
Iag. What, looke you pale? O beare him out o'th aire.
Stay you good Gentlewoman, looke you pale mistrisse?
Doe you perceiue the ieastures of her eye,
Nay, an you stirre, we shall haue more anon:
Behold her well I pray you, looke vpon her,
Doe you see Gentlemen? Nay guiltinesse
Will speake, though tongues were out of vse. *Enter* Em.
Em. 'Las what's the matter? what's the matter husband?
Iag. *Cassio* has here bin set on in the darke,
By *Roderigo*, and fellowes that are scap't,
Hee's almost slaine, and *Roderigo* dead.
Em. Alas good gentleman, alas good *Cassio*.
Iag. This is the fruite of whoring, pray *Emillia*,
Goe know of *Cassio*, where he supt to night:
What, doe you shake at that?
Bian. He supt at my house, but I therefore shake not.
Iag. O did he so, I charge you goe with me.
Em. Fie, fie vpon thee strumpet.

Bian.

Bian. I am no strumpet, but of life as honest,
As you, that thus abuse me.
Em. As I: fough, fie vpon thee.
Iag. Kind Gentlemen, let's goe see poore *Cassio* dresst.
Come mistresse, you must tell's another tale.
Emillia, runne you to the Cittadell,
And tell my Lord and Lady what has hapt:
Will you goe on, I pray, this is the night,
That either markes me, or foredoes me quite.

Exeunt.

Enter Othello *with a light.*

Oth. It is the cause, it is the cause, my soule,
Let me not name it to you, you chaste starres:
It is the cause, yet I'le not shed her blood,
Nor scarre that whiter skin of hers, then snow,
And smooth, as monumentall Alablaster;
Yet she must die, else shee'll betray more men,
Put out the light, and then put out the light:
If I quench thee, thou flaming minister,
I can againe, thy former light restore,
Should I repent me; but once put out thine,
Thou cunning patterne of excelling nature,
I know not where is that promethian heate,
That can thy light returne: when I haue pluckt the rose,
I cannot giue it vitall growth againe,
It must needes wither; I'le smell it on the tree,
A balmy breath, that doth almost perswade
Iustice her selfe to breake her sword once more,
Bethus, when thou art dead, and I will kill thee,
And loue thee after: once more, and this the last, *He*
So sweete was ne're so fatall: I must weepe, *kisses her.*
But they are cruell teares; this sorrowes heauenly,
It strikes where it does loue: she wakes.
Des. Who's there, *Othello*?
Oth. I, *Desdemona*.
Des. Will you come to bed my Lord?
Oth. Haue you prayed to night, *Desdemona*?

Des.

Def. I my Lord:
Oth. If you bethinke your ſelfe of any crime,
Vnreconcil'd as yet to heauen and grace,
Sollicite for it ſtraite.
Def. Alas my Lord, what may you meane by that?
Oth. Well doe it, and be briefe, I will walke by,
I would not kill thy vnprepared ſpirit,
No, heauen fore-fend, I would not kill thy ſoule.
Def. Talke you of killing?
Oth. I, I doe.
Def. Then heauen haue mercy on me.
Oth. Amen, with all my heart.
Def. If you ſay ſo, I hope you will not kill me.
Oth. Hum.
Def. And yet I feare you, for you are fatall then,
When your eyes roule ſo: why I ſhould feare, I know not,
Since guiltineſſe I know not, but yet I feele I feare.
Oth. Thinke on thy ſinnes.
Def. They are loues I beare to you.
Oth. And for that thou dieſt.
Def. That death's vnnaturall, that kills for louing,
Alas, why gnaw you ſo your neather lip?
Some bloody paſſion ſhakes your very frame,
Theſe are portents: but yet I hope
They doe not point on me.
Oth. Peace, and be ſtill.
Def. I will, ſo, what's the matter?
Oth. That handkercher which I ſo lou'd, and gaue thee,
Thou gaueſt to *Caſsio*.
Def. No, by my life and ſoule,
Send for the man and aske him.
Oth. Sweete ſoule take heed, take heed of periury,
Thou art on thy death-bed.
Def. I, but not yet to die.
Oth. Yes, preſently:
Therefore confeſſe thee freely of thy ſinne,
For to deny each article with oath,

Cannot

Cannot remoue, nor choke the ſtrong conceit,
That I doe groane withall: thou art to die.
Def. Then Lord haue mercy on me.
Oth. I ſay Amen.
Def. And haue you mercy too:
I neuer did offend you in my life, -- neuer lou'd *Caſsio*,
But with ſuch generall warranty of heauen,
As I might loue: I neuer gaue him token.
Oth. By heauen I ſaw my handkercher in his hand,
O periured woman, thou doeſt ſtone thy heart,
And makeſt me call, what I intend to doe,
A murder, which I thought a ſacrifice,
I ſaw the handkercher.
Def. He found it then,
I neuer gaue it him, ſend for him hither,
And let him confeſſe a truth.
Oth. He has confeſt.
Def. What, my Lord?
Oth. That he hath---- vds death.
Def. How, vnlawfully?
Oth. I.
Def. He will not ſay ſo.
Oth. No, his mouth is ſtop'd,
Honeſt *Iago* hath tane order for't.
Def. My feare interprets then, -- what is he dead?
Oth. Had all his haires bin liues,
My great reuenge had ſtomacke for 'em all.
Def. Alas he is betraid, and I vndone.
Oth. O ſtrumpet, -- weepeſt thou for him to my face?
Def. O baniſh me, my Lord, but kill me not.
Oth. Downe ſtrumpet.
Def. Kill me to morrow, let me liue to night.
Oth. Nay, an you ſtriue.
Def. But halfe an houre, but while I ſay one prayer.
Oth. Tis too late. *he ſtifles her.*
Def. O Lord, Lord, Lord. Emillia *calls within.*
Em. My Lord, my Lord, what ho, my Lord, my Lord.

Oth. What voyce is this? not dead? not yet quite dead?
I that am cruell, am yet mercifull,
I would not haue thee linger in thy paine, --- ſo, ſo.
Em. What ho, my Lord, my Lord.
Oth. Who's there?
Em. O good my Lord, I'de ſpeake a word with you.
Oth. Yes, tis *Emillia*, by and by: ſhee's dead:
Tis like ſhe comes to ſpeake of *Caſsios* death;
The noyſe was here; ha, no more moouing,
Still as the graue: ſhall ſhe come in? were't good?
I thinke ſhe ſtirres againe; no, what's the beſt?
If ſhe come in, ſhee'll ſure ſpeake to my wife.
My wife, my wife, my wife; I ha no wife;
O inſupportable: O heauy houre.
Me thinks it ſhould be now a huge Eclips
Of Sunne and Moone, and that the affrighted Globe,
Should yawne at alteration.
Em. I doe beſeech you I may ſpeake with you, good my Lord.
Oth. I had forgot thee: O come in *Emillia*.
Soft, by and by; let me the Curtaines draw, *Ent.* Emil.
Where art thou? whats the matter with thee now?
Em. O my good Lord, yonder's foule murders done.
Oth. What, now?
Em. But now my Lord.
Oth. It is the very error of the Moone,
She comes more neere the earth, then ſhe was wont,
And makes men mad.
Em. *Caſsio* my Lord has kil'd a yong *Venetian*,
Cal'd *Roderigo*.
Oth. *Roderigo* kild, and *Caſsio* kild?
Em. No, *Caſsio* is not kild.
Oth. Not *Caſsio* kild, then murders out of tune,
And ſweete reuenge growes harſh.
Deſ. O falſly, falſly murdered.
Em. O Lord, what cry is that?
Oth. That? what?
Em. Out and alas, it is my Ladyes voyce;

Helpe, helpe, ho helpe, O Lady ſpeake againe,
Sweete *Deſdemona*, O ſweete Miſtreſſe ſpeake.
Deſ. A guiltleſſe death I die.
Em. O who has done this deed?
Deſ. No body, I my ſelfe, farewell:
Commend me to my kinde Lord, O farewell. *ſhe dies.*
Oth. Why, how ſhould ſhe be murdered?
Em. Alas, who knowes?
Oth. You heard her ſay, her ſelfe, it was not I.
Em. She ſayd ſo, I muſt needes report a truth.
Oth. She's like a lyer, gone to burning Hell,
'Twas I that kild her.
Em. O, the more Angell ſhe,
And you the blacker diuell.
Oth. She turn'd to folly, and ſhe was a whore.
Em. Thou doeſt bely her, and thou art a diuell.
Oth. She was falſe as water.
Em. Thou as raſh as fire,
To ſay that ſhe was falſe: O ſhe was heauenly true.
Oth. *Caſsio* did top her, aske thy husband elſe,
O I were damn'd beneath all depth in hell,
But that I did proceed, vpon iuſt grounds,
To this extremity, thy husband knew it all.
Em. My husband?
Oth. Thy husband.
Em. That ſhe was falſe to wedlocke?
Oth. I, with *Caſsio*: nay, had ſhe bin true,
If heauen would make me ſuch another world,
Of one intire and perfect Criſolite,
I'de not haue ſold her for it.
Em. My husband?
Oth. I, twas he that told me firſt,
An honeſt man he is, and hates the ſlime,
That ſticks on filthy deedes.
Em. My husband?
Oth. What needes this iteration? woman, I ſay thy husband.
Em. If he ſay ſo, may his pernitious ſoule

Rot halfe a graine a day: he lies to'th heart,
She was too fond of her most filthy bargaine.
Oth. Ha?
Em. Doe thy worst,
This deed of thine is no more worthy heauen,
Then thou wast worthy her.
Oth. Peace, you were best.
Em. Thou hast not halfe the power to doe me harme,
As I haue to be hurt: O gull, O dolt,
As ignorant as dirt; thou hast done a deed ---
I care not for thy sword, I'le make thee know,
Tho I lost twenty liues: helpe, helpe, O helpe;
The Moore has kild my Mistresse, murder, murder.
Enter Montano, Gratiano, Iago, *and others*.
Mon. What is the matter? how now Generall?
Em. O, are you come *Iago*? you haue done well,
That men must lay their murder on your neck.
All. What is the matter?
Em. Disproue this villaine, if thou bee'st a man;
He sayes thou toldst him that his wife was false,
I know thou didst not, thou art not such a villaine:
Speake, for my heart is full.
Iag. I told him what I thought, and told no more,
Then what he found himselfe was apt and true.
Em. But did you euer tell him she was false?
Iag. I did.
Em. You told a lie, an odious damned lie;
Vpon my soule, a lie, a wicked lie:
She false with *Cassio*; did you say with *Cassio*?
Iag. With *Cassio* mistresse; go to, charme your tongue.
Em. I will not charme my tongue, I am bound to speake.
Iag. What are you mad, I charge you get you home.
Em. Good Gentlemen let me haue leaue to speake,
Tis proper I obey him, but not now:
Perchance *Iago*, I will ne're goe home.
Oth. Oh, oh, oh. Oth. *falls on the bed.*
Em. Nay, lay thee downe, and rore,

For

For thou hast kild the sweetest innocent,
That ere did lift vp eye.
Oth. O she was foule:
I scarce did know you Vncle, there lies your Niece,
Whose breath indeed, these hands haue newly stopt,
I know this act shewes terrible and grim.
Gra. Poore *Desdemona*, I am glad thy father's dead,
Thy match was mortall to him, and pure griefe,
Shore his old thread atwane: did he liue now,
This sight would make him doe a desperate turne,
Yea curse his better Angell from his side,
And fall to reprobation.
Oth. Tis pittifull, but yet *Iago* knowes,
That she with *Cassio*, hath the act of shame
A thousand times committed; *Cassio* confest it,
And she did gratifie his amorous workes,
With the recognisance and pledge of loue,
Which I first gaue her; I saw it in his hand,
It was a handkercher; an Antique token
My father gaue my mother.
Em. O God, O heauenly God.
Iag. Zouns, hold your peace.
Em. 'Twill out, 'twill: I hold my peace sir, no,
I'le be in speaking, liberall as the ayre,
Let heauen, and men, and diuells, let em all,
All, all cry shame against me, yet I'le speake.
Iag. Be wise, and get you home.
Em. I will not.
Gra. Fie, your sword vpon a woman?
Em. O thou dull Moore, that handkercher thou speakst on,
I found by fortune, and did giue my husband:
For often with a solemne earnestnesse,
More then indeed belong'd to such a trifle,
He beg'd of me to steale it.
Iag. Villainous whore.
Em. She gaue it *Cassio*? no alas I found it,
And I did giu't my husband.

Iag. Filth thou lieſt.
Em. By heauen I doe not, I doe not Gentlemen,
O murderous Coxcombe! what ſhould ſuch a foole
Doe with ſo good a woman?
The Moore runnes at Iago. Iago *kils his wife.*
Oth. Are there no ſtones in heauen,
But what ſerues for the thunder? pretious villaine.
Gra. The woman falls, ſure he has kild his wife.
Em. I, I, O lay me by my miſtreſſe ſide. *Exit* Iago.
Gra. Hee's gone, but his wife's kild.
Mon. Tis a notorious villaine, take your weapon,
Which I haue here recouered from the Moore:
Come, guard the dore without, let him not paſſe,
But kill him rather, I'le after that ſame villaine,
For tis a damned ſlaue. *Exit* Mont. *and* Gratiano.
Oth. I am not valiant neither,
But euery puny whipſter gets my ſword,
But why ſhould honour out liue honeſty?
Let it goe all.
Em. Moore, ſhe was chaſt, ſhe lou'd thee cruell Moore,
So come my ſoule to bliſſe, as I ſpeake true;
So ſpeaking as I thinke, I die, I die. *ſhe dies.*
Oth. I haue another weapon in this chamber,
It is a ſword of Spaine, the Iſebrookes temper;
O here it is; Vncle I muſt come forth. Gra. *within.*
Gra. If thou attempt it, it will coſt thee deere,
Thou haſt no weapon, and perforce muſt ſuffer.
Oth. Looke in vpon me then, and ſpeake to me,
Or naked as I am, I will aſſault thee.
Gra. What is the matter?
Oth. Behold, I haue a weapon,
A better neuer did it ſelfe ſuſtaine
Vpon a Souldiers thigh: I haue ſeene the day,
That with this little arme, and this good ſword,
I haue made my way through more impediments,
Then twenty times you ſtop: but O vaine boaſt,
Who can controule his Fate? tis not ſo now,

Pale

Pale as thy ſmocke, when we ſhall meete at count,
This looke of thine, will hurle my ſoule from heauen,
And fiends will ſnatch at it: cold, cold my girle,
Euen like thy chaſtity; O curſed ſlaue:
Whippe me you Diuells,
From the poſſeſſion of this heauenly ſight,
Blow me about in winds, roaſt me in ſulphure,
Waſh me in ſteepe downe gulphes of liquid fire:
O *Deſdemona, Deſdemona* dead, O, o, o.
Enter Lodouico, Montano, Iago, *and Officers,*
Caſſio *in a Chaire.*
Lod. Where is this raſh and moſt infortunate man.
Oth. That's he that was *Othello*, here I am.
Lod. Where is this Viper, bring the villaine forth.
Oth. I locke downe towards his feet, but that's a fable
If thou beeſt a diuell, I cannot kill thee.
Lod. Wring his ſword from him.
Iag. I bleed ſir, but not kil'd.
Oth. I am not ſorry neither, I'de haue thee liue,
For in my ſenſe tis happineſſe to die.
Lod. O thou *Othello*, that wert once ſo good,
Falne in the practiſe of a damned ſlaue,
What ſhould be ſaid to thee?
Oth. Why any thing,
An honourable murderer if you will:
For nought did I in hate, but all in honour.
Lod. This wretch hath part confeſt his villainy:
Did you and he conſent in *Caſsio's* death?
Oth. I.
Caſ. Deare Generall, I did neuer giue you cauſe.
Oth. I doe beleeue it, and I aske you pardon,
Will you pray, demand that demy diuell,
Why he hath thus inſnar'd my ſoule and body?
Iag. Demand me nothing, what you know you know,
From this time forth I neuer will ſpeake word.
Lod. What not to pray?
Grat. Torments will op'e your lips.

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Oth.

Oth. Well, thou doeſt beſt.
Lod. Sir, you ſhall vnderſtand what hath befalne,
Which, as I thinke you know not: here is a letter,
Found in the pocket of the ſlaine *Roderigo*;
And here another; the one of them imports
The death of *Caſsio*; to be vndertooke --- by *Roderigo*.
Oth. O villaine.
Caſ. Moſt heatheniſh, and moſt groſſe.
Lod. Now heres another diſcontented paper,
Found in his pocket too, and this it ſeemes,
Roderigo meant to haue ſent this damned villaine,
But that belike, *Iago*, in the nicke
Came in, and ſatisfied him.
Oth. O the pernitious catieffe!
How came you *Caſsio* by a handkercher,
That was my wifes?
Caſ. I found it in my chamber,
And he himſelfe confeſt it euen now,
That there he dropt it, for a ſpeciall purpoſe;
Which wrought to his deſire.
Oth. O foole, foole, foole.
Caſ. There is beſides in *Roderigees* letter
How he vpbraides *Iago*, that he made him,
Braue me vpon the watch, whereon it came,
That I was caſt; and euen but now he ſpake,
After long ſeeming dead, *Iago* hurt him,
Iago ſet him on.
Lod. You muſt forſake this roome, and goe with vs,
Your power and your command is taken off,
And *Caſsio* rules in *Cypres*: for this ſlaue,
If there be any cunning cruelty,
That can torment him much, and hold him long,
It ſhall be his: you ſhall cloſe priſoner reſt,
Till that the nature of your fault be knowne
To the *Venetian* State; come, bring him away.
Oth. Soft you, a word or two,
I haue done the State ſome ſeruice, and they know't;

No more of that: I pray you in your letters,
When you ſhall theſe vnlucky deedes relate,
Speake of them as they are; nothing extenuate,
Nor ſet downe ought in malice, then muſt you ſpeake,
Of one that lou'd not wiſely, but too well:
Of one not eaſily iealous, but being wrought,
Perplext in the extreame; of one whoſe hand,
Like the baſe *Indian*, threw a pearle away,
Richer then all his Tribe: of one whoſe ſubdued eyes,
Albeit vnuſed to the melting moode,
Drops teares as faſt as the *Arabian* trees,
Their medicinall gum; ſet you downe this,
And ſay beſides, that in *Aleppo* once,
Where a *Maligoant* and a *Turb and Turke*,
Beate a *Venetian*, and traduc'd the State;
I tooke by'th throate the circumciſed dog,
And ſmote him thus. *He ſtabs himſelfe.*
Lod. O bloody period.
Gra. All that's ſpoke is mard.
Oth. I kiſt thee ere I kild thee, no way but this,
Killing my ſelfe, to die vpon a kiſſe. *He dies.*
Caſ. This did I feare, but thought he had no weapon,
For he was great of heart.
Lod. O Spartane dog,
More fell then anguiſh, hunger, or the Sea,
Looke on the tragicke lodging of this bed:
This is thy worke, the obiect poiſons ſight,
Let it be hid: *Gratiano*, keepe the houſe,
And ceaze vpon the fortunes of the Moore:
For they ſucceed to you, to you Lord Gouernour,
Remaines the cenſure of this helliſh villaine,
The time, the place, the torture: O inforce it,
My ſelfe will ſtraite aboord, and to the State,
This heauy act with heauy heart relate.

Exeunt omnes.

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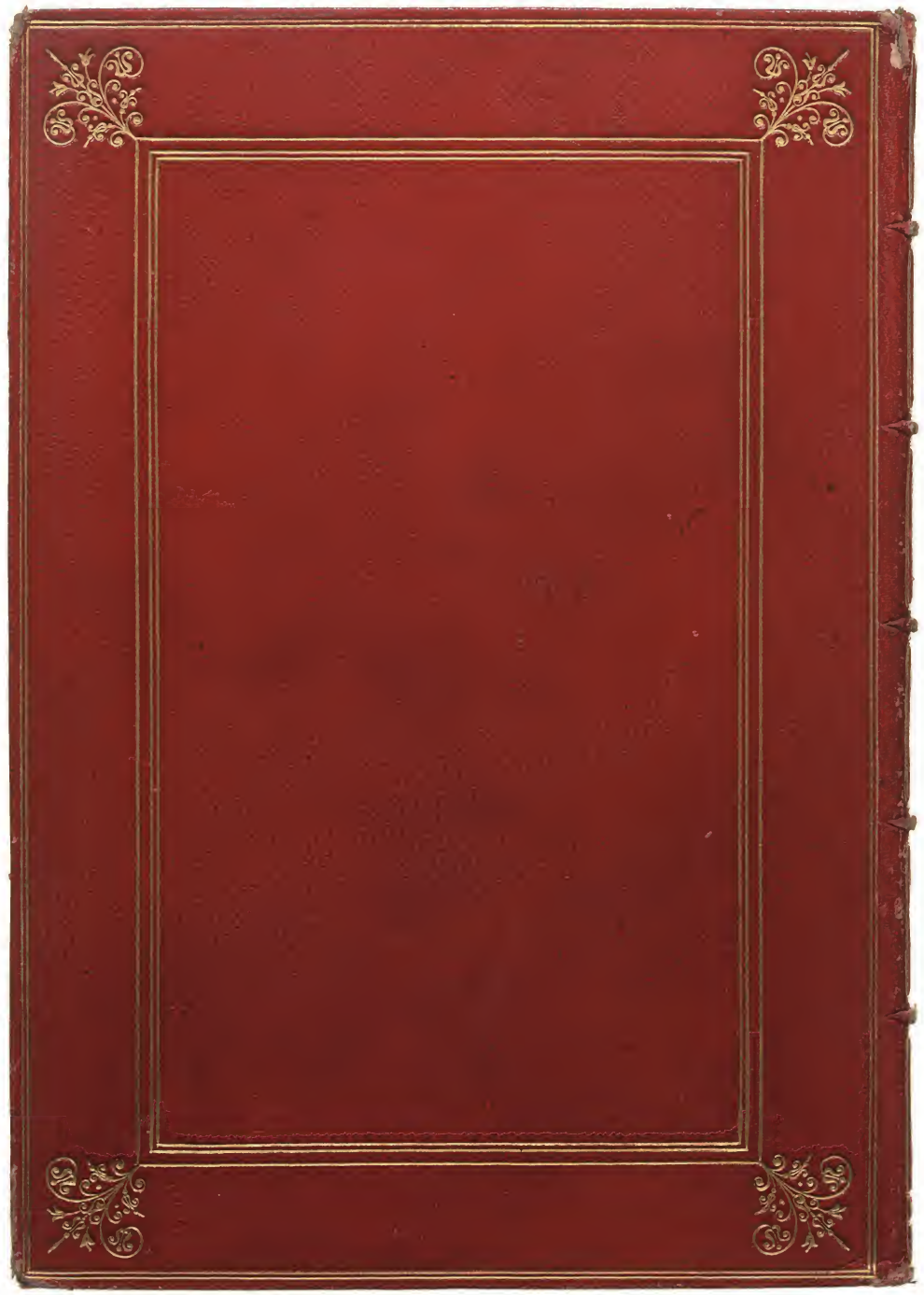

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